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Twenty-first Annual Meeting.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, in Gettysburg, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-three. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the seventeenth and continued until the afternoon of the twenty-third day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in the Reformed Church of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 17th, A. D. 1893, at 7.30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. J. G. Noss, the retiring President, from Luke 18: 8—"Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called, and a quorum was ascertained to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers:—Charles A. Santee, Andrew T. G. Apple, Charles W. Levan, E. Ranson Deatrick, George A. Whitmore,^a James R. Lewis, Barton R. Carnahan, Louis F. Zinkhan, Isaac M. Motter,^b Adam S. Weber,^b Silas M. Hench,^b Atvill Conner, Jun., and Joel T. Rossiter, D. D.^{4b}

Elders:—Samuel C. Thomas,^c J. Henry Lampe, Greenbury J. R. House, Atvill Conner, Sen., H. Wirt Shriver, Samuel D. Piper,^c T. Carlton Rudy, Goldsborough S. Griffith, and Jacob H. Cost.^b

II.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—William C. Cremer,^c Franklin F. Bahner, Sefellen E. Stofflet, Jonas B. Shontz, and Zwingli A. Yearick.³

Elders:—Henry Omwake, Isaac H. Keefer, Frederick A. Daihl,^c Samuel Hoeflich, and Samuel Omwake.^c

III.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—James B. Stonesifer, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Lewis Reiter, Calvin B. Heller,² Albert B. Bauman,² George G. Everhart,³ and William A. Korn.³

Elders:—John H. Bauserman,^{2c} John S. Crown,² William H. Bargelt,² Charles P. Matthaei,³ Daniel S. Rentch,³ and George S. Roller.³ⁱ

IV.—*From the Classis of North Carolina.*

Ministers:—Jacob C. Leonard and Joseph L. Murphy.

V.—*From the Classis of Gettysburg.*

Ministers:—Thomas J. Barkley, Francis S. Lindaman,^h John C. Bowman, D.D.,^c Walter E. Krebs, J. Marion Mickly, and Oliver F. Schaeffer.^{2f}

Elders:—Joseph Sheeley,^h George N. Forney, Daniel S. Chronister,² Andrew H. Beitler,² and David Thomas.⁴

VI.—*From the Classis of Carlisle.*

Ministers:—J. David Miller, George A. House, James M. Runkle, and Samuel N. Callender, D.D.³

Elders:—S. Augustus Basehore,^h Levi Kell, and Charles Weirich.^{2h}

VII.—*From the Classis of Juniata.*

Ministers:—William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., John F. Moyer, R. Leighton Gerhart,¹ Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Francis M. Line, Titus C. Strock, and John W. Pontius.⁵

Elders:—Jonas C. Imler, Samuel Sprankle, J. Nevin Knode, George L. Freet, Jacob L. Weber, John H. Stephens, and John Brewster.³

VIII.—*From the Classis of Zion.*

Ministers:—Oliver P. Schellhamer,^t Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D.,^o and Jacob O. Miller, D.D.

Elders:—Charles A. Shultz and Milton W. Bahn.

IX.—*From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.*

No delegates present.

Owing to the failure of the Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis to furnish credentials, the delegates from said Classis were admitted to seats as such by special vote of the Synod.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. John G. Noss occupied the seat of Rev. J. T. Rossiter, during the first three sessions of Synod. Rev. Edward D. Miller occupied the seat of Rev. J. C. Bowman, from Thursday afternoon to the close of the sessions; and Rev. Simon U. Waugaman occupied the seat of the Rev. J. W. Pontius, during the first four sessions of the Synod.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis:—Revs. John G. Noss, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Conrad Clever, D.D., Calvin S. Slagle, Henry F. Dittmar, Samuel M. Roeder, William C. Sykes, and Elder William H. Lakin.

Mercersburg Classis :—Revs. William M. Deatrick, D.D., and Jacob Hassler, D.D.

Gettysburg Classis :—Revs. Edward D. Miller, George P. Stem, John F. Mackley, John H. Hartman, and Elder Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis :—Rev. William R. H. Deatrick.

Juniata Classis :—Revs. Calvin U. Heilman, Simon U. Waugaman, Daniel G. Hetrick, Eugene L. McLean, and Edward W. Stonebraker.

Zion's Classis :—Rev. Isaac N. Peightel.

Eastern Synod :—Revs. Adam C. Whitmer, Thomas M. Yundt, George W. Williard, D.D., Jeremiah W. Knappenberger, and Elder Joseph L. Lemberger.

Pittsburgh Synod :—Revs. Simon S. Miller and Peter C. Prugh, D. D.

Synod of the Interior :—Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse, D.D.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Rev. W. H. Keith, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. J. R. Hutchison, of the United Brethren Church, and Revs. Drs. Swartz and McKnight, of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. J. O. Miller, *President*, York, Pa.

Rev. J. L. Murphy, *Vice-President*, Hickory, N. C.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *is Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. W. C. Cremer, *Corresponding Secretary*, Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. C. A. Santee, *Reading Clerk*, Cavetown, Md.

Elder Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Reading Clerk.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first eight pews from the Chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 and close at 11.30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4.30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, W. E. Krebs, J. M. Mickly, and Elders A. H. Beitler and J. Sheely.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, G. A. House, J. M. Runkle, and Elders S. A. Basehore and L. Kell.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. A. T. G. Apple, J. C. Leonard, J. B. Stone-sifer, and Elders J. H. Lampe and S. C. Thomas.

Overtures.—Revs. F. F. Bahner, J. L. Murphy, L. Reiter, and Elders F. A. Daihl and I. H. Keefer.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. A. S. Weber, J. B. Shontz, C. A. Santee, and Elders G. N. Forney and D. S. Rentch.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, S. N. Callender, F. S. Lindaman, and Elders T. C. Rudy and J. H. Bauserman.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. R. L. Gerhart, E. R. Deatrick, B. R. Carnahan, and Elders H. W. Shriver and A. Conner, Sen.

Education.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, W. E. Krebs, L. F. Zinkhan, and Elders G. N. Forney and M. W. Bahn.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, S. E. Stofflet, S. U. Waugaman, and Elders G. S. Griffith and J. H. Cost.

Missions.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, R. L. Gerhart, F. M. Line, and Elders H. Omwake and S. Hoeflich.

Publication.—Revs. B. R. Carnahan, S. N. Callender, C. W. Levan, and Elders G. L. Freet and J. L. Weber.

Finance.—Revs. J. F. Moyer, Z. A. Yearick, S. M. Hench, and Elders C. A. Shultz and H. W. Shriver.

Nominations.—Revs. J. D. Miller, A. F. Dreisbach, G. A. Whitmore, and Elders G. J. R. House and C. A. Shultz.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. A. F. Dreisbach, J. W. Pontius, O. F. Schaeffer, and Elders D. S. Chronister and J. H. Stephens.

Invested Funds.—Revs. W. E. Krebs, T. J. Barkley, A. B. Bauman, and Elders H. W. Shriver and C. P. Matthaei.

Auditing Endowment.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. R. Lewis, O. P. Schellhamer, and Elders G. N. Forney and J. S. Crown.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, and Juniata, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and amended. As such it will be found in its proper place.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overatures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services:

Wednesday Evening.—Centennial Services. Addresses by Revs. W. M. Deatrick and Prof. J. C. Bowman.

Thursday Evening.—Centennial Services continued. Addresses by Revs. S. N. Callender and C. Clever.

Friday Evening.—Educational Meeting. Addresses by Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and A. S. Weber.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Address by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins. Liturgical Services by Revs. R. L. Gerhart and J. D. Miller.

Saturday Evening.—Anniversary of Ministerial Relief Society. Addresses by Revs. S. S. Miller and R. L. Gerhart.

Sunday Morning.—Communion Services. Address by the President of Synod. Liturgical Services by Revs. E. W. Stonebraker and the pastor. Distribution of the elements by Revs. Z. A. Yearick, F. M. Line, W. E. Krebs, and C. B. Heller.

Sunday, 2 P.M.—Sunday-school Services. Addresses by Revs. L. F. Zinkhan and G. G. Everhart.

Sunday, 6 P.M.—Young People's Meeting. Addresses by Revs. F. M. Line, J. M. Runkle and C. B. Heller.

Sunday Evening.—Missionary Anniversary. Addresses by Revs. S. N. Callender on the Foreign Mission Work, and D. S. Fouse on Home Missions.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. A. T. G. Apple.

Methodist Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. J. W. Pontius,—evening by Rev. J. C. Leonard.

St. James's Lutheran Church.—Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. Z. A. Yearick.

Christ Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, evening by Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

United Brethren Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. C. W. Levan.

Salem U. B. Church.—Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. J. B. Shontz.

Reformed Church of the Redeemer, Littlestown, Pa.—Rev. S. E. Stofflet.

St. Luke's Church of Christ Church Charge.—Rev. S. M. Hench.

Reformed Church of Carlisle.—Rev. B. R. Carhahan.

Reformed Church of Emmitsburg, Md.—Rev. A. B. Bauman.

Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg, Md.—Rev. J. F. Moyer.

Adams County Almshouse.—Sunday afternoon, sermon by Rev. J. B. Stone-sifer

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday Morning, this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom the Printed Minutes were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming in our judgment, the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. The Standing Committee on Invested Funds is appointed, of which Rev. G. B. Resser is chairman.

Item 2, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, of which Rev. L. Reiter is chairman.

Item 3, page 6. An Auditing Committee is appointed, of which Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 4, page 26. The Classes are earnestly urged to raise in full the apportionments made for Beneficiary Education.

Item 5, page 26. The committee to collect funds for the liquidation of the debt resting on Mercersburg College, and also to secure such additional means as may be necessary to put the Seminary Building in a suitable condition, is continued, of which Rev. C. U. Heilman is chairman.

Item 6, page 32. One thousand dollars are to be apportioned among the Classes, and that as soon as that amount shall be secured, the Synod proceed to elect a Theological Professor to have charge of such instruction.

Item 7, page 32. A committee is appointed to mature plans for the raising of an endowment fund of twenty-five thousand dollars to establish and support theological instruction in connection with Catawba College, of which Rev. C. U. Heilman is chairman.

Item 8, page 32. It becomes necessary to elect four members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; two of them for two years, and two for four years.

Item 9, page 32. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect six laymen as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; two of them to serve for two years, and two for four years, and two for six years.

Item 10, page 32. It will be the duty of the Synod to fill by election the vacancies that are about to take place in the Board of Education, of those members whose terms of service will terminate with this meeting of the Synod.

Item 11, page 32. It will be necessary for Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose terms of office will expire during the present month.

Item 12, page 37. The Classes are requested to order collections to be lifted in their congregations for Church Building purposes.

Item 13, page 38. The cause of Foreign Missions is most urgently recommended to the Classes.

Item 14, page 38. It becomes the duty of Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions for the term of four years.

Item 15, page 41. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Beneficiary Education, North Carolina Professorship, Church Extension in Baltimore, and Hungarian Missions.

Item 16, page 41. Assessments are made for the Contingent Fund of Synod, and for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 17, page 42. Certain arrearages are enumerated for Contingent Fund, Contingent Fund of the General Synod, Mercersburg College, Harbor Missions, and Beneficiary Education.

Item 18, page 42. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod in the place of Elder John P. Reed, whose term of service will expire on the 1st of next January, agreeably to the Charter.

Item 19, page 44. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board, to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 20, page 47. The Stated Clerk is directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 21, page 50. The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least in each congregation annually, on some Sunday before October.

Item 22, page 54. A committee is appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the proper observance of the Centennial Anniversary of the Autonomy of the Reformed Church in the United States, of which committee Rev. J. O. Miller is chairman.

Item 23, page 54. Rev. T. J. Barkley is appointed to confer with the agent of the Associated Press, in order to arrange that our proceedings for the present year be reported to the Associated Press, and through it to the papers within its jurisdiction.

Item 24, page 55. An Overture is sent up to the General Synod to define and authorize the office of Deaconess.

Item 25, page 55. The committee appointed to mature plan, etc., is instructed to inform the Trustees of Catawba College and the North Carolina Classis of the action of the Synod in regard to establishing a Theological Professorship in connection with said college, etc.

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Item 26. The Synod accepts the offer of the Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary to lease said property to the duly designated representatives of the Reformed Church, elected a Board of five Directors, and instructed said Board to make the lease, select the president, and carry forward the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK. *Chairman.*

The committee under item 1 failed to report. For the action of Synod on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology: on items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 22, and 26, see Article XIII., Education; items 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 18, and 19 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 12, 13, and 15, see Articles XIII., XIV., and XV., Education, Missions and Finance; on items 16 and 17, see Article XV., Finance; an item 20, see Article XX., Publication; on items 21, 22, and 23, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on item 24, see report on Minutes of General Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod reported during the session of Thursday afternoon. The report was received, disposed of item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

Your committee, to whom have been referred the Minutes of the General Synod, begs leave to report, that we have examined the Minutes of the General Synod, which convened in Reading, Pa., May 24th, 1893, and find the following items requiring the attention of this District Synod, namely :

Item 1, page 104. The District Synods are requested to urge the earnest support of Hungarian Missions.

Item 2, page 126. The several Synods are urged to increase their contributions to Foreign Missions, so as to yield not less than \$35,000.00 per year for the next three years.

Item 3, page 137. In response to the overture of this Synod last year, the General Synod recommends :

"*First*, The General Synod expresses its approval of the growing interest and charities of the Church in behalf of the poor and afflicted of whom there are so many, especially in our large cities, needing our sympathy and help.

"*Second*, The General Synod recognizes the scriptural right of woman to the order and work of Deaconess, and would commend the appointment of ladies qualified for this work in such congregations as may feel themselves ready to move in this line of Christian activity."

Item 4, page 153. The General Synod refused to sustain the appeal of Rev. H. F. Long from the action of this Synod at Hanover, Pa., in 1890, to the General Synod.

Item 5, page 209. The General Synod apportions upon this Synod \$900.00 for its Contingent Fund, and \$5,100.00 for Foreign Missions for the current year.

Item 6, page 226. The General Synod will meet in triennial sessions in Trinity Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio, May 27th, A. D., 1896, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

A. THOS. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

Items 1 and 6 were adopted. Item 2 was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. Item 3, the Synod, on motion, accepted and approved of the General Synod's deliverance on this subject. Item 4, was adopted, and the bill of expense of Rev. R. L. Gerhart ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of the Synod. The apportionments under Item 5 were accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment, with the understanding that only one half of the amount for Contingent Fund be apportioned this year, and the remaining half next year.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit :

Item 1. A communication from the Executive Committee of the Sunday-School Board of the General Synod concerning the new departures in the Sunday-School work of our Church.

Item 2. A letter from Rev. Dr. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College, setting forth certain facts in connection with that institution, accompanied with a copy of its last catalogue.

Item 3. A communication from Rev. J. Muellhaupt of the Pacific Coast, in relation to the transfer of the Portland-Oregon Classis to the Synod of the Northwest.

Item 4. A communication from the Missionary Society of the Juniata Classis containing a recent action of said society, petitioning this body to organize a mixed Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 5. A communication from a committee of the Eastern Synod concerning certain legal changes made in the charters of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 6. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, recommending to this Synod the appointment of Elder G. S. Griffith as one of the members of that Board.

Item 7. Two copies of a Confirmation Manual, entitled "Sealed unto Christ," compiled by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, with the compliments of the author.

Item 8. A booklet treating of the need of a Library Building for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 9. A copy of a recent work, entitled, "Ned Hampden, or the Ravages of Intemperance," by Rev. I. A. Sites, with the author's compliments and an accompanying letter.

Item 10. A letter from Rev. J. G. Schmid of the Portland-Oregon Classis, concerning Church work on the Pacific Coast.

Item 11. The Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, for the year 1893.

Item 12. A copy of a brochure, entitled, "Our Marriage Service," being the property of the Reformed Church Publication Board, with the compliments of the publisher, Rev. Dr. Chas. G. Fisher.

Item 13. A copy of a book on Heaven, by Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, with the compliments of the author.

Item 14. A communication from Rev. L. F. Zinkhan complaining that the Stated Clerk of the Synod had changed the historical position of his name in the Statistical Table of the Maryland Classis, last year, placing it at the foot of the page.

Item 15. A communication from Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, in reference to the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society within the bounds of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman.*

Item 1. The communication was read, and the attention of our pastors and people directed to the matter. For the action of Synod on items 2, 5 and 8, see Article XIII., Education; on items 3 and 11, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on items 4, 10 and 15, see Article XIV., Missions; item 6 was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to be nominated; the books and booklets under items 7, 9, 12 and 13 were received, the thanks of the Synod returned to the authors and donors, and the volumes were ordered to be placed in the Library of Mercersburg College; on item 14, the Stated Clerk of the Synod was directed to see to it, that the brother's name occupy its historical position hereafter in the Statistical Table of his Classis.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes presented its report during the Session of Friday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac : Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes, except Portland-Oregon, for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained :

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Zion's Classis closed meetings without calling roll.
2. Maryland Classis, at a special meeting, met twenty minutes later than the hour for which the meeting was called.
3. Virginia Classis closed meetings without roll-call, and without reading of minutes.
4. Gettysburg Classis fails to record the election of Treasurer.
5. The same Classis held a special meeting, and transacted business without having a quorum.
6. The Portland-Oregon Classis failed to furnish the Synod with a copy of its minutes for 1893.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. Virginia Classis requests to be relieved from the payment of \$294.00 of the amount apportioned on it for Home Missions, and also \$45.00 for Church Extension in Baltimore.
8. North Carolina Classis requests that its delegates be given an opportunity to explain to the Synod why it assumed only a part of the amount apportioned on it for Home Missions.
9. Gettysburg Classis, for reasons assigned, requests the Synod to confirm and pronounce the acts valid of the special meeting, mentioned above under item 5.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

10. All the Classes took favorable action on the subjects referred to them, except as follows :

Virginia and North Carolina Classes on all subjects except on apportionments as noted above under items 7 and 8.

The same Classes took no action in regard to lifting collections for Church Building purposes.

Mercersburg Classis does not see fit to order such collections, but recommends collections to be lifted for that purpose.

The same Classis does not acquiesce in the contemplated change in carrying on the work of Beneficiary Education, and assigns reasons for its non-acquiescence.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

11. Zion's Classis licensed Paul M. Spangler.
12. Maryland Classis licensed Lewis T. Lampe and dismissed him to the Somerset Classis ; received the licentiates William C. Sykes from the Lehigh

Classis, and Alfred M. Schaffner from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, and ordained them to the work of the Holy Ministry; received Rev. Lloyd E. Coblentz from the Juniata Classis, Samuel M. Roeder from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, and Alexander Bateman from the Reformed Episcopal Church; and dismissed licentiate Gottholdt A. Neeff to the Portland-Oregon Classis, Rev. Charles H. Brandt to the Wyoming Classis, and Rev. Henry Ditzler to the Virginia Classis.

13. Mercersburg Classis dismissed Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D., to the Philadelphia Classis.

14. Virginia Classis licensed Albert B. Bauman, William A. Korn and J. Philip Harner and ordained them to the work of the Christian ministry; received Revs. Nehemiah H. Skyles from the Westmoreland Classis, and Henry Ditzler from the Maryland Classis; and dismissed Revs. Julius H. Shuford to the North Carolina Classis, and Alpha K. Kline to the Allegheny Classis.

15. North Carolina Classis licensed and ordained James D. Andrew to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and dismissed Rev. Jesse Richards to the Congregational Association of Ohio.

16. Gettysburg Classis licensed Charles H. Slinghoff, and dismissed him to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod; received licentiate Peter E. Heimer from the East Pennsylvania Classis and ordained him to the work of the Holy Ministry, and Rev. Milton M. Noacher from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod.

17. Carlisle Classis received the licentiates Samuel P. Stauffer from the Lehigh Classis, and James M. Runkle from the West Susquehanna Classis, and ordained them to the work of the Christian Ministry.

18. Juniata Classis licensed Homer S. May, Eugene L. McLean, and Bruce Griffith; received the licentiate William H. Landis from the West Susquehanna Classis and Harry E. Jones from the Schuylkill Classis and ordained Messrs. May, McLean, Landis and Jones to the work of the Christian Ministry; received Revs. Thomas N. Reber from the Lehigh Classis, and Lewis Robb from the West Susquehanna Classis; and dismissed Revs. Elias D. Shoemaker to the Philadelphia Classis, Albert S. Glessner to the Somerset Classis, Lloyd E. Coblentz to the Maryland Classis, and licentiate Bruce Griffith to the Wichita Classis.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

19. Zion's Classis will meet in Heidelberg Reformed Church of York, York County, Pa., May 15th, A.D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, p.m., Rev. J. O. Miller, *President*; Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

20. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Silver Run, Carroll County, Md., May 16th, A. D. 1894, at 2.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. A. T. G. Apple, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

21. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pa., May 17th, A.D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. S. E. Stofflet, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

22. Virginia Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church of Rockingham County, Va., May 23d, A.D. 1894, at 8 o'clock, P.M. Rev. G. G. Everhart, *President*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

23. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of New Gil-ead, Cabarus County, N. C., April 25th, A. D. 1894, at 11 o'clock, A.M. Rev. J. M. Lyerly, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*, and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

24. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Littlestown, Adams County, Pa., May 24th, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. F. S. Lindaman, *President*; and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

25. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Marysville, Perry County, Pa., May 17th, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. J. W. Bell, *President*, and Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

26. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Martinsburg, Blair County, Pa., May 24th, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. W. C. Shaeffer, *President*; Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

27. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet _____

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. WEBER, *Chairman*.

Items 1 to 6 inclusive were severally adopted, and the attention of those Classes was called to their irregularities. The request contained in item 7 was refused. The requests contained in items 8 and 9 were granted. The remaining items of the report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. RUPLEY, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Dear Fathers and Brethren;

It very quickly becomes evident, upon reading the reports of the several Classes, that there are special reasons for returning thanks to our Heavenly Father for His gracious dealings with us during the past year. Only one minister on our Synodical roll has been called away by death, during the past Synodical year, namely Jeremiah Ingold, D.D., of the North Carolina Classis, who departed this life last February at an advanced age. Not only have health and prosperity been granted our ministers and people generally, but a higher courage, a keener faith, and a greater hope with reference to the future of our Church pervades the reports than we have been familiar with in other years. It is plain that the centennial year by bringing home to us a knowledge of the past history of our Church with its heroic sufferings and triumph over apparently insuperable difficulties, has produced a marked effect. We have long passed the pioneer period; the foundations of future success have been well laid; it is for us now to go forward with wisely directed energy to the full realization of our hopes.

While this is true, there is no sign of abandoning the principles and customs which characterize us as a Church of the Reformation. The educational system of developing the Christian life is in no way losing its hold upon us. Ministers and people recognize the fact that a clear apprehension of the principles of our faith, is necessary for consistency of feeling and the right direction of energy. We are, however, coming more plainly to see that emotion has an

important part to play in all true and successful work; that faith and hope and love must for truest and highest efficiency be vitalized by a profound and fervid enthusiasm; that, indeed, our labor without enthusiasm will fail to bring us adequate returns.

In connection with this there follows, what we have full reason to look for, a direction of the energy of the Church into practical lines. The Sunday-school which has done so much to strengthen and develop the spiritual life of the young in the past, is receiving increased attention. Whatever means and methods can advance the interests of this department of the Church should be employed. Although we have made marked advance—in 24 years the Sunday-school showing a gain of 204 per cent., while the Church membership in the same period has gained only 84 per cent.—yet the total number of Sunday-school scholars is more than one-fourth less than the total membership of the Church. Though this may arise largely from the fact that many of our schools are in the rural districts where attendance is difficult and growth necessarily slow, it is well for us to have our attention most earnestly directed to this condition, that any defects existing in method, or any weakness following indifference may be remedied.

For we can rest assured that if the boy is the father to the man, and the girl the mother to the woman, we will fail to secure the man and the woman if we neglect the boy and the girl. Probably no agency of the Church did more to check immorality and infidelity pervading Christendom at the close of the 18th century than the Catechetical class and the Sunday-school. And it is probable that no agency of the Church to-day is doing more to multiply the number of admissions into our Church than our Sunday-schools, or doing more to draw young men and young women into active participation in the work of the Church, so we will be wise in redoubling our efforts to make our Sunday-schools as thoroughly efficient as possible.

As the reports of the Classes testify, interest in missions is growing in the hearts of our people. Apart from the need of widening the sphere of our labors in foreign lands, if we would be true to the commission of our Lord, it is a matter of supreme importance that our Home Mission work be extended as rapidly and widely as possible. Especially is this true in reference to the rich domain known as the West. Unless we are to be a kind of provincial Church, limited to a few States, this must be done. Unless we are to surrender the hope of playing an effective part in forming the religious character of our nation, and thus exert an influence in directing all its mighty energies, this must be done. Further, the call made throughout this Synod and other Synods of the Church for young men to enter the ministry, is being nobly responded to. At least 300 are now in our colleges and seminaries. Laborers for the field are coming forward, the field is teeming with the harvest, but unless the treasury of the Home Mission Board is supplied with funds the response of the laborers and the opening to our view of fields ripe to the harvest, will be all in vain. The opportunity of our Church has come; and furnishing the financial means is the only way in which the body of our people can co-operate in taking advantage of this opportunity.

The progress of our work in the past, plainly assures us that success awaits us in the future, if we can only be faithful to the opportunities opening before us. Let us, therefore, relying upon our Lord who has promised to be with His people to the end of the world, go forth into the new Synodical year with hearts strong in faith and hope.

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEIGHTON GERHART, *Chairman.*

(For the Statistical Tables see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave to submit the following Annual Report for the Synodic year just ended:

At the close of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Martinsburg, W. Va., the Board met and organized by the re-election of Rev. William C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. J. David Miller as *Secretary*, and Rev. William M. Deatrick as *Treasurer*.

The good work of the Board has moved forward with a fair degree of progress, and your Board is happy in being able to report the past year as a prosperous one, under the benign favor of our gracious Heavenly Father. The amount contributed by the several Classes for beneficiary education, during the past fiscal year, has been somewhat less than the previous year.

Four of the beneficiaries, namely, Lewis T. Lamper, Homer S. May, J. Philip Harner, and Paul M. Spangler, completed their theological course of training for the holy ministry. They were duly licensed to preach the gospel, and the first three have been ordained; two of them, Messrs. May and Harner, are actively at work as pastors, within the bounds of our own Synod, and Mr. Lampe in that of the Pittsburgh Synod.

Four young men have been taken under the care of the Board with appropriations; two of them, Carl W. Plank and George W. Potter, at the request of the Juniata Classis, Scott R. Wagner at that of the Carlisle Classis, and John W. Gilds by the action of the Maryland Classis. During the year, thirty young men have been aided with funds in their preparation for the ministry from the treasury of the Board, supplied by the Maryland, Juniata, Mercersburg, Virginia, Carlisle, Gettysburg and Zion's Classes, as the Treasurer's Report will show. The beneficiaries at present enrolled stand connected, as follows: Juniata Classis, seven; Maryland Classis, six; Carlisle Classis, five; Gettysburg Classis, four; Mercersburg Classis, three; Virginia Classis, three; and Zion's Classis, three. They are Jacob S. Garrison, George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spessard and Louis C. Summer, *Seminary Seniors*; J. Calvin Bolger and Lewis P. Krome, *Seminary Middlers*; William E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner, William G. Welsh, and David J. Wolf, *Seminary Juniors*; Charles A. Bushong, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Ezra D. Lantz, Albert F. Nace, and Carl W. Plank, *College Seniors*; Frederick C. Seitz, *College Junior*; Amos T. Bennett, Moses A. Kieffer and Nevin L. Weidner, *College Sophomores*; and George W. Beaver, John W. Gilds, George W. Potter, Ross F. Wicks and J. Nevin Wolff less far advanced in their studies. It will be noticed that nearly half of them are seminarians, six of whom will graduate next May, thus largely reducing the list of our beneficiary students, during the present scholastic year, unless replaced by others.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the reception of the following sums for beneficiary education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting the dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where such have been given, so as to give the sum total contributed by

each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Virginia and Gettysburg Classes, where the sources of receipts were not specified.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer of the Board of Education, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.*

Receipts.

Maryland Classis.—Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, \$105.00; First Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$71.39; First Reformed Church of Hagerstown, \$59.00; St. Paul's Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$46.00; Middletown Church, \$44.50; Silver Run Charge, \$41.58; Cavetown Charge, \$39.00; Glade Charge, \$36.00; Mechanicstown Charge, \$33.32; Taneytown Charge, \$33.00; Jefferson Charge, \$30.00; Clear Spring Charge, \$28.00; Manor Charge, \$28.00; Mount Moriah Charge, \$26.00; Trinity Reformed Church of Woodberry, \$25.00; Union Bridge Charge, \$17.00; Boonsboro Charge, \$16.00; Carroll Charge, \$15.14; Christ Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$15.00; Grace Mission, Washington, D. C., \$9.20; Burkittsville Charge, \$8.00; Mount Pleasant Charge, \$6.96; Manchester Charge, \$6.78; Faith Mission, Baltimore, \$6.00; Sabillasville Charge, \$5.10; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, \$56.25. Making \$807.22.

Juniata Classis.—Waterstreet Charge, \$95.00; First Reformed Church of Altoona, \$80.00; Martinsburg Charge, \$65.00; St. Clairsville Charge, \$55.00; Huntingdon Church, \$50.00; Greenfield Charge, \$40.00; Schellsburg Charge, \$39.00; Dunning's Creek Charge, \$37.00; Second Reformed Church of Altoona, \$36.00; Friend's Cove Charge, \$35.00; Yellow Creek Charge, \$25.00; Woodcock Valley Charge, \$25.00; Sulphur Spring Charge, \$23.00; Everett Charge, \$20.00; Bedford Church, \$17.09; Clear Ridge Charge, \$4.00; Nicholas Gruber legacy interest, \$112.74. Making \$758.83.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Reformed Church of Chambersburg, \$120.00; Waynesboro Charge, \$105.00; Mercersburg Charge, \$60.31; Second Reformed Church of Chambersburg, \$40.00; Grindstonehill Charge, \$35.00; Shippensburg Church, \$29.30; Mont Alto Church, \$25.00; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, \$24.00; St. Thomas Charge, \$22.40; McConnellsburg Charge, \$15.00; Loudon Charge, \$14.52; Greencastle Charge, \$10.00; Jacob Stoudenour legacy interest, \$12.00. Making \$512.53.

Virginia Classis.—Per Treasurer (sources not given), \$500.00.

Carlisle Classis.—New Bloomfield Charge, \$117.20; Landisburg Charge, \$58.00; Zion's Charge, \$56.32; Carlisle Church, \$54.78; Mechanicsburg Charge, \$46.68; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$41.32; Duncannon Charge, \$29.86; Newburg Church, \$8.08; Refunded by Ira L. Bryner, \$70.00. Making \$482.24.

Gettysburg Classis.—Per Treasurer (sources not given), \$390.00.

Zion's Classis.—First Reformed Church of York, \$110.00; Shrewsbury Charge, \$79.24; Trinity Charge, \$59.35; Heidelberg Reformed Church of York, \$34.17; Grace Reformed Church of York, \$10.00. Making \$292.76.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 6, 1892	\$ 243.50
Received from Maryland Classis	807.22
“ “ Juniata Classis	758.83
“ “ Mercersburg Classis	512.53
“ “ Virginia Classis	500.00
“ “ Carlisle Classis	482.24
“ “ Gettysburg Classis	390.00
“ “ Zion's Classis	292.76

Total receipts \$8987.08

Summary of Payments.

Paid to beneficiary students of Juniata Classis	\$ 670.00
“ “ “ Maryland Classis	600.00
“ “ “ Virginia Classis	600.00
“ “ “ Mercersburg Classis	425.00
“ “ “ Carlisle Classis	433.57
“ “ “ Gettysburg Classis	390.00
“ “ “ Zion's Classis	292.76
Postage and stationery	3.25
Balance in Treasury, October 6, 1893	572.50
	\$3987.08

We do hereby certify, that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and disbursements, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be \$572.50 on the 6th instant.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 10, 1893.

Z. A. YEARICK,
A. R. SCHNEBLY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:—

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following Annual Report:

The Board organized by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, to wit.: the undersigned as *President*, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier as *Secretary*, and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer*. An Executive Committee was appointed agreeably to the requirements of our charter, consisting of the aforementioned officers *ex-officio*, and Elders A. R. Schnebly and S. Hoeflich.

The educational work of the college, up to the close of the scholastic year, last June, was conducted as heretofore by the Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.,—the same as for eleven years previous—without involving your Board in any expense or debt, according to the directions of the Synod, at Woodstock, Va., in 1880. His presidency of Mercersburg College, which had continued for twelve years, then terminated, in accordance with the tender of his resignation to your Board last October, and which was formally accepted at the time, with the stipulation of the Board, that it should not go into effect until the end of the college year last June.

In April last, at a special meeting of the Board, Professor Wm. M. Irvine, Ph.D., was chosen as President of Mercersburg College, which position, after due and careful consideration was accepted by him. The co-educational feature of the institution was changed to one practically for young men and boys. Two parallel courses were adopted, each covering three years, as follows:

First.—The regular Academic Course, consisting of Classics, English, Sciences and Mathematics, which will prepare students to enter any college in America.

Second.—The English Course, designed for those who wish to enter a Technical College or University, or who desire to go into business. Latin and Greek will not be required in this course. A student in this course, however, by

making petition to the Faculty, may be permitted to study one Classic, in connection with the English course.

It was deemed necessary to make very extensive repairs to the Seminary Building, used as the college since the removal of the Theological Seminary to Lancaster, Pa., in 1871, the expense incurred amounting to about three thousand dollars. These repairs were commenced last June and are not yet fully completed. The halls have been wainscoted, repainted and papered from the basement story to the garret. New stairs were substituted for the old ones where worn out. The rooms have been papered, repainted and furnished with new furniture and carpets with the exception of five or six rooms, which had, during the last two or three years, been furnished with new furniture by certain congregations and individuals. The building has thus been beautified and made presentable, as directed by the Synod last year. The committee, specially instructed by the Synod, last October, to vigorously press forward the work of providing means for making these repairs, has not met with the full measure of success hoped for, so that a large portion of the expense incurred in making the repairs remains yet to be provided for. It may be proper, perhaps, to state that the committee succeeded to a reasonable degree in the collection of funds, considering the financial pressure prevailing in our country at large during the present summer.

Three hundred dollars of the mortgage debt have been paid since our last report was rendered to the Synod, leaving \$2445.00 of the mortgage debt unpaid, and \$1000.00 of the judgment indebtedness uncanceled, making the principal of the old indebtedness unpaid \$3445.00. It may be proper to remark, in this connection, that some twelve or fifteen hundred dollars were pledged for debt and endowment between two and three years ago, provided the whole debt were raised. These pledges were given by friends in Franklin County, Pa., and still stand, and will doubtless be paid if the debt be provided for in a reasonable length of time.

The college, under the new management, opened on the 13th of last month auspiciously, with some thirty students in attendance. This number has since increased to fully fifty students, forty-one or forty-two being boarders, and the others day scholars. Others are still expected during the present session. The Faculty, in addition to the President, is composed of Professor Charles V. Smith, who was connected with the college last year, Professor Oliver J. Morelock, who was one of the professors of Palatinate College last year, and Professor J. Rauch Stein—all graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, except President Irvine, who is a graduate of Princeton College, and also of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. All of them, it is believed, are well qualified and fitted for the positions they are called to fill.

The Board of Regents deems it desirable for the interests of the college that the membership of the Board should be increased from nine to fifteen members, and, if acceptable to the Synod, will make arrangements to have the Court of Franklin County, Pa., so change our charter as to make the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College consist of fifteen instead of nine regents.

Asking the hearty and continued co-operation of the Synod in carrying forward the work of Christian education in the only institution owned exclusively by your reverend body, the foregoing report is respectfully submitted, by the order and in behalf of the Board.

Gettysburg, October 20th, 1893.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Respected Brethren:—According to instructions the undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the following as the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the year 1892-93.

At the opening of the Seminary in September, 1892, the following young men, eighteen in number, were admitted as students into the JUNIOR CLASS: *Almon G. Baker, Frederick William Bald, J. Calvin Bolger, Harry W. Bright, Harvey J. Crow, William D. Happel, Theodore F. Hermann, Hiram J. Hillegass, John C. Horning, Thomas H. Krick, Lewis P. Krome, Elmer E. H. Leinbach, F. J. Emil Muehe, Elmer S. Noll, Eugene P. Skyles, Howard H. Spohn, Gerney Weber and Harry W. Wissler.*

Of this number twelve are regular graduates: seven of Franklin and Marshall College; two of Heidelberg University; one of Calvin College; one of Bethany College; and one of Baltimore City College. Of the remainder two are graduates of State Normal Schools, three who had passed a partial course of study, one from the Keystone Normal School, one from Mercersburg College, one from Palatinate College; and one from Franklin and Marshall Academy. All the members of the class, however, graduates, and non-graduates, without any exceptions, pursued the regular course of study prescribed by the Synod, as theological students.

To the MIDDLE CLASS two new students were admitted: *James Riley Bergey*, regularly dismissed from the Theological Department of Ursinus College, and *Anselm V. Hiestér*, a graduate of F. and M. College and a student of Union Seminary, New York City. Christopher Noss was dismissed to Union Seminary, but with the intention of returning and pursuing the studies of the Senior Class in the Seminary at Lancaster; and John W. Buck, at the instance of the Board and Faculty, suspended his studies in the Seminary for the present, with the view of pursuing a preparatory course of studies for two years in Palatinate College. With these changes the Middle Class consists of the same number of students, twenty-three in all, as reported to Synod one year ago.

The SENIOR CLASS was enlarged by the addition of one new member, *Carl F. Dewitz*, who presented a regular dismission from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. The members of this class, twenty-three in number, having completed the course of studies prescribed by the Synod, and having, moreover, sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were regularly dismissed at the end of the Seminary year, and awarded the usual *Testimonial* to that effect, at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows:—*Charles C. Clark, Carl F. Dewitz, Samuel H. Dietzel, George A. Dreibelbies, Lawrence S. Faust, David H. Fouse, Bruce Griffith, J. Philip Harner, David Milton Jones, David W. Kerr, Lewis T. Lampe, William Henry Landis, George E. Limbert, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer Skyles May, Eugene L. McLean, Benjamin M. Meyer, John N. Naby, Takeo Noya, James M. Runkle, Alfred M. Schaffner, William C. Sykes, and William B. Werner.*

Thus there were sixty-four students connected with the Institution during the last year, four more than during the preceding year, and a gratifying increase over the number in attendance during all previous years. The examination, oral and written, together with the sermons of the Senior class, were satisfactory; the professors endeavoured to discharge their duties according to the best of their abilities, and as it regards moral and Christian conduct, and the industry of the students in the prosecution of their studies, there is no room for complaint. As reported last year, they have continued to be active in Sunday school and Missionary work this year also, and the more advanced among them, in preaching the Gospel in different places as supplies for vacant pulpits as far as their other duties would allow.

As usual several of the students were under the necessity of absenting themselves from the Seminary part of the time, in order to replenish their financial resources, by engaging in teaching school. This is a matter for regret. There should be no necessity of this kind, and the Churches should be always ready in such cases to supply every student with the means, whereby he may be able to pursue his studies without interruption.

Following the example of the Class of 1892, which established the Prize Essay in Sacred Rhetoric, the Class of 1893, with the approbation of the Faculty and the Board, agreed to create a fund of at least five hundred dollars (\$500), the interest of which shall each year be awarded to that member of the *Middle Class*, who upon being examined before three judges shall by them be pronounced the best *Hebrew* scholar and Old Testament *Exegete*. The Prize to be called "*The Centennial Class Prize in Hebrew*."

It is recommended that the services of the Teacher of Elocution, which as in previous years have been satisfactory, be continued for another year. In that event it will be incumbent on the Synod of the Potomac to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary \$75.00, to assist in paying the salary of the Professor.

It may be proper for us here to add that the new building for the use of the Seminary is in process of erection, and that when finished, it will without any doubt present a fine appearance. Providence permitting, it will be dedicated during the ensuing year. The success of this movement thus far has been a matter of surprise to many who feared that the Church would not respond in furnishing the funds needed for the erection of the building as proposed. Up to the present time, they have exceeded expectations. For the want of money, however, the foundations of the Library Hall, which is to be an annex to the main building, have not been laid, but it is hoped that there will be no delay in finishing that building also. It is an object worthy the attention of our members, especially of such as are wealthy, and invites them now to come forward with their gifts to complete the noble structure, whose corner-stone was laid last June at the commencement of the college.

The Board of Visitors has endeavored to discharge its duties in its supervision of the Seminary during another year, and now, in conclusion, we feel it to be our duty to say, with some degree of emphasis, that the increasing prosperity of our Seminary and other institutions of learning at Lancaster is truly a matter which should call forth devout gratitude to God in all our churches for His blessing on the work of our hands. Founded in great weakness by the fathers, in faith and prayer, they are becoming more and more fruitful with each revolving year. With our increasing facilities for the supply of our vacant congregations with pastors, and for extending our missionary field, all alike should be encouraged to go forward in building up the kingdom of God in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., October.

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

HARRISBURG, September 26, 1893.

To the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I enclose the Annual Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave further to report that the Board of Trustees held three meetings during the year. The first one was held on January 25th, 1893, at the American House, Lancaster, Pa. An appropriate announcement of the death of George W. Hensel, President, was made by Jacob Heyser, President, *pro tem.*, and proper action was taken.

The Building Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod reported that it had purchased the ground for the site of the new Seminary building for \$10,875; and the action of the Building Committee was ratified and approved.

The second meeting was held on May 11th, 1893, in the First Church, Lancaster, Pa. The following officers were elected:

George N. Forney, President; John D. Skiles, Vice-President; George Z. Kunkel, Secretary; John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Rev. A. E. Truxal appeared before the Board in behalf of the Endowment Committee of Pittsburgh Synod, to call attention to its claim for interest on funds in the hands of the Board. As there was an evident misapprehension by Pittsburgh Synod of the action of the Board, the Secretary was instructed to furnish Rev. Truxal with a copy of the action of the Board of Sept. 22d, 1892, to present to the Pittsburgh Synod.

J. W. Bickell, Esq., of Norristown, appeared before the Board in behalf of a committee from the Eastern Synod, and presented the amendments to the Charter of the Theological Seminary; the same were approved, and the President and Secretary were directed to seal the same with the common and corporate seal, and execute all necessary instruments to secure the said amendments to the Charter of this corporation.

The third meeting was held Sept. 22d, 1893, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. The committee appointed to have the amendments to the Charter approved by the courts, reported that they had done so, and received said approval.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D., laid before the Board a letter from Mr. John L. Riegel, of Riegelsville, Pa., containing four notes of \$3,920 each, falling due respectively July 30th, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, without interest; in all, \$15,680. The interest of said fund to be devoted to the contingent expenses of the Seminary Building at Lancaster, Pa.

The Board accepted the generous gift, and directed the letter to be entered on the minutes, and also the letter and resolutions passed by the Board, copies of which were sent to Mr. Riegel.

The fund is to be known as "The John L. Riegel Fund."

In regard to Centennial offerings, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to hand over the "Centennial offerings" in the General Fund to the Building Fund, if not otherwise designated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE Z. KUNKEL, *Secretary*.

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dr.

1892, Sept. 22.	For amount of Endowment Fund, as per account rendered September 22d, 1892	\$83,191 26
	Building Fund transferred to Fund as per action of Board	12,920 62
" Dec. 22.	Legacy received from Elizabeth Wagoner, of Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., per Joseph C. Wagoner, Executor	422 07
1893, Mar. 24.	Received of St. John's Reformed Congregation of Shamokin, Pa., C. C. Leader, Treasurer	250 00
" July 14.	Received of Jacob Bausman, Treasurer of F. & M. College, the one-third net income from the Wilhelm Estate, to June, 1893	844 74
" July 14.	Received of C. A. Shultz, Treasurer of Zion's Classis, as a Centennial offering from First Reformed Church of York, Pa.	53 06
" July 25.	Received of Rev. George Everhart, of Shepherdstown Charge, as a Centennial offering	8 00
" May 8.	Received of Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis	171 45
		\$97,861 20

Cr.

1892, Sept. 22.	By Bond of Mrs. Anna Eyerman, not collectable	\$1,000 00
" Sept. 22.	Bond of St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, returned, 1,000 00	
	Less amount transferred from Endowment Fund to credit of Pittsburg Prof. Fund	1,353 08
		3,353 08
To September 22d, 1893		\$94,508 12
<i>Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary, from Sept. 22, 1892 to Sept. 22, 1893.</i>		

Dr.

1892, Sept. 22.	To balance due Theological Seminary.	\$268 80
1893, Sept. 22.	Sundry incomes and interest received	5,417 97
		\$5,686 77

Cr.			
1893, Sept. 22.	By salary and sundry bills paid as per vouchers	\$6,012 01	
	Amount Dr. down	5,686 77	
1893, Sept. 22.	Due Treasurer		\$325 24
	<i>Library Fund.</i> Principal is.	\$1,819 96	
Dr.			
1892, Sept. 22.	To balance due Library	\$125 93	
1893, Sept. 5.	To interest received to date	65 99	
			\$191 92
Cr.			
1893, Sept. 5.	By sundry bills paid	91 86	
1893, Sept. 22.	Balance due Library Fund	\$100 06	
<i>The William A. Willt Fund.</i>			
1893, Sept. 22.	Amount of Fund is	\$833 33	
	Interest accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary, to Sept. 22, 1893.		
	<i>Smaltz Fund</i> Principal is.	\$5,000 00	
Dr.			
	For sundry interest received to October 1, 1893	275 00	
Cr.			
1893, Oct. 1.	By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D.D., Treasurer	275 00	
<i>Pittsburgh Professorship Fund Account.</i>			
1892, Sept. 22.	For Principal of Fund as per account	\$2,735 75	
	For Interest allowed on October 1, 1893	134 36	
	“ “ “ to \$1,718 30 from October 1, 1877 to October 1, 1892, at 5 per cent., as per action of Seminary Board had September 22, 1892	\$1,288 65	
	Interest on same to October 1, 1893	64 43	
			1,353 08
1893, Oct. 1.	Amount of Pittsburgh Professorship Fund is	\$4,223 19	
<i>Prize Fund in Church History.</i>			
	Principal of Fund is	\$2,000 75	
Dr.			
1893, Sept. 22.	For interest due fund to October 1, 1893	175 00	
Cr.			
	By amount paid George A. Dreibelbies as per award of committee (gold)	\$100 00	
	By cash paid E. V. Gerhart, D.D.	1 00	\$101 00
1893, Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund		\$74 00
<i>Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.</i>			
Dr.			
1893, May 8.	For amount received as principal of W. M. Irvine	\$90 00	
“ May 8.	Received from same as a Prize for Class of '92	\$15 00	
	Interest on Fund to October 1, 1893	1 91	\$16 91
Cr.			
1893, May 11.	By amount paid A. V. Hiester Class Prize of '92	15 00	
	Due Fund October 1, 1893	\$1 91	
<i>Theological Seminary Aid Fund.</i>			
Dr.			
1892, Sept. 26.	For amount received of Schuylkill Classis. Elocution	\$13 00	
“ Oct. 11.	“ “ “ “ W. Susq. Elocution	6 00	
“ Oct. 12.	“ “ “ “ E. Susq. Classis. Elocution	5 15	
1893, Jan. 18.	“ “ “ “ Lehigh Classis. Elocution	14 00	
“ May 2.	“ “ “ “ Goshenhoppen Classis. Elocution	11 00	
“ May 5.	“ “ “ “ E. Penna. Classis. Elocution	24 00	
“ May 18.	“ “ “ “ Philadelphia Classis. Elocution	3 00	
“ June 13.	“ “ “ “ E. Susq. Classis. Elocution	3 10	
“ July 10.	“ “ “ “ Tohickon Classis. Elocution	10 00	
	“ “ “ “ Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, of Trinity Reformed Church, Strawberry Ridge Charge	1 70	
			\$90 95

1893, Sept. 9. Charged to Treasurer in Endowment Fund account of Theological Seminary.

Theological Seminary Building Fund.

Dr.	
1893, Sept. 15. For amount received from John J. Nissley, Treasurer of Eastern Synod, to date	\$23,339 13
Cr.	
1893, Sept. 15. By amount paid as per orders of J. C. Bowman, D.D., Chairman of Building Committee	23,235 45
Balance on hand	\$103 68

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers, find them correct.

Lancaster, September 22, 1893.

JOHN D. SKILES.
S. N. HENCH.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF
FREDERICK, MD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Directors, created at the Special Synod of Westminster, April 28, 1893, and instructed to lease "Frederick Female Seminary" Plant, select a President, and carry forward the Institution, have to report that the full Board met at Frederick, Md., May 12, 1893, and was organized by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President, and Rev. C. S. Slagle as Secretary. After serious and careful consideration of the whole subject, we proceeded to organize the College on a broad and progressive basis, such as would commend itself to the educational public as worthy of patronage and support. The several steps were unanimously taken.

The name was fixed as *Woman's College of Frederick, Md.* Joseph H. Apple, A.M., an alumnus of Franklin and Marshall College, and at the time a professor in the Central High School of Pittsburgh, Pa., was called to the Presidency, and arrangements were agreed upon to secure applications for positions in the faculty.

A second meeting was held at Frederick, Md., May 30, 1893, at which all the members of the Board were present. Mr. Apple was also present and accepted the Presidency of the College. Out of a large number of applications a faculty of seven experienced, successful teachers and a matron were selected, all of whom have accepted the positions tendered them, and are actively at work in the several departments of the College. The accompanying circular, issued by our authority, is herewith filed as a part of this report, and will supply desired information.

A third meeting of the board was held at Frederick, Md., July 3, 1893. All the members were present, and many and important items of business were considered and adjusted according to our best judgment.

President Apple entered upon the active duties of his position July 1st, and has since performed a large amount of hard and exacting work. As much time as possible was given to an active canvass for students, in which the several members of the board rendered whatever assistance they could.

The Trustees of the "Frederick Female Seminary" complied with the terms of their proposition made to Synod and accepted by it.

A Lease has been prepared in accordance with these terms, and is executed on their part, but requires the affixing of the seal of Synod on our part, which Lease is herewith submitted as a part of this report.

We came into possession of the property August 1, 1893. An inventory of all the personal property conveyed to us by the lease, was taken. Everything in and about the buildings has been put into good condition.

A *fourth* meeting of the Board was held at Frederick, Md., September 12, 1893, at which time we witnessed the auspicious and successful opening of the "Woman's College."

We have a present enrollment of 83 students. Of this number, 25 are full boarders, 8 five day boarders, and 50 day scholars. A few others may yet be added to the number before the close of the term.

The large number of students made it necessary to add to the teaching force. This has been satisfactorily done without materially increasing our expenses. We now have, beside the President, Vice-President, and Matron, six teachers giving all their time, and three others a part of their time, to the work of the College. The combined salaries for our Faculty and matron cost us, this year, \$3,950.00

Your Board has done the work assigned us according to our best judgment, and thus far the College is a hopeful success. If the Church at large by her patronage, and the members of Potomac Synod, by their active co-operation, will sustain what has been so auspiciously begun in her name, and as her work, there is good reason to expect that the "Woman's College of Frederick" will be a continuous and growing success.

The Board asks that you instruct your Stated Clerk to affix the Seal of the Synod to the Lease which is submitted as a part of this report.

The Board further recommends that the time of service of its present members be adjusted by lot, or as they may otherwise elect, so that one of their number shall from this time serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and that hereafter at each annual session of the Synod one member shall be elected to serve for five years, his term of service to begin with January 1st after the date of his election.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

By authority of the Board.

October 20, 1893.

This Agreement and Lease made this First day of August, in the year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-three, by and between "The Frederick Female Seminary," a body corporate of the first part, and "The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States," a body corporate, by Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., John E. Roller, Rev. C. S. Slagle, William H. Lakin, and A. C. McCardell, a Board of Directors duly appointed by said Synod to execute this Agreement and Lease, and carry out its provisions, of the second part, Witnesseth, that for the considerations hereinafter mentioned the said "Frederick Female Seminary," the party of the first part, does hereby agree to lease, and does hereby lease to the said Synod, for the term of five years from the 1st day of August in the year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-three, all the Seminary grounds and buildings known as the Frederick Female Seminary property, situated on the south side of East Church Street, in Frederick City, Frederick County, in the State of Maryland, together with all the furniture, tableware, bed-clothing, musical and scientific instruments, school equipments of every kind, and all other tangible personal property of every description belonging to the said Frederick Female Seminary, with the privilege to the said Synod to renew said Lease at the expiration of said five years for an additional period of five, ten, or more years, as they may elect, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned.

And the said Synod, party of the second part, does hereby agree and obligate itself to pay to the said, "The Frederick Female Seminary," party of the first part, the sum of One Thousand dollars rental for each and every year during the said term of five years for the use of said buildings, grounds, furniture, and other property, and which it agrees and obligates itself to pay in equal semi-

annual payments of Five Hundred dollars each from the beginning of this lease, and that in case the said Synod shall elect to renew this lease at the expiration of said five years, it will pay to the said Frederick Female Seminary the sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars for each and every year it lease said properties after the expiration of said five years in semi-annual payments of Seven Hundred and Fifty dollars each.

And it is hereby agreed that if the said rent shall at any time be in arrears for three months, then the said party of the first part may re-enter upon and possess the property hereby leased.

And it is further mutually agreed by and between the said parties of the first and second part, and they do respectively obligate themselves thereto :

1st. That the Trustees of the said Frederick Female Seminary, at the expense of said Seminary, and before the occupancy of the property hereby leased by said party of the second part for school purposes, have the room in the East Building, known as the Philosophical Room, newly painted, papered and converted into a room suitable for dining-room purposes, with a "dumb waiter" communicating between said room and the kitchen below.

2d. That the Trustees of said Seminary will have the balance of the space over the new Collegiate Hall partitioned off in a proper manner for additional chambers for the use of the said party of the second part as the requirements of the school proposed to be conducted by the said party of the second part in said buildings shall demand.

3d. That the Trustees of said Seminary will keep the exterior of the buildings of said Seminary property in repair by repairing roofs, gutters, spoutings, paintings, etc., damaged by the elements or natural wear and decay.

4th. That the said party of the second part will repair all damages to the said premises resulting from the use and occupancy of the same.

5th. That the said party of the second part will keep open during the usual time of each scholastic year during said lease, and any renewal of the same, a Female Seminary well equipped and supplied with suitable teachers for the higher education of young ladies, and fully carry out the purpose and requirements of the Charter of said Frederick Female Seminary.

6th. That while the said party of the second part shall have the entire control of the running and management of said School, which shall be wholly under the auspices of said "Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States," yet the same shall be non-sectarian, and afford equal privileges in every particular to pupils of all denominations, as heretofore.

7th. That the said party of the second part will use the furniture, equipments, and all personal property belonging to the said party of the first part with reasonable care, and, as far as practicable, protect the same from damage and waste.

Witness the signature of Charles E. Trail, the President of the Board of Trustees of the said "The Frederick Female Seminary," and the seal of the said President, which is adopted for this purpose by said Trustees as the Seal of said Seminary, and the signature and corporate seal of said Synod by the Board of Directors aforesaid.

CHAS. E. TRAIL. [Seal.]

President of the Frederick Female Seminary.

True Copy.

Test. CHAS. E. TRAIL.
E. R. ESCHBACH.

{ Witness the signature of E. R. Eschbach,
President of the "Board of Directors of the
Woman's College" for the "Synod of the Poto-
mac of the Reformed Church in the United
States," and the Corporate Seal of said Synod.

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College.

By order of the Synod of the Potomac, given at Gettysburg, Pa., October 23, 1893, I do hereunto attach the seal of the said Synod.

WM. M. DEATRICK,
Stated Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Education have had under consideration the following documents as per your direction, viz.: Of the Theological Seminary, the Report of the Board of Visitors, Report of the Board of Trustees, the Report of the Treasurer, also a Booklet.

First. From these we learn with pleasure that this now venerable School of the Prophets is growing in numbers, efficiency, and influence, as well as in its endowment and buildings. The future is bright with promise, and we may well, as we also do, congratulate ourselves on the success of the Church in advancing the interests and in increasing the power in furthering the work which is specially committed to this institution, no small part of which is due to the untiring efforts of Potomac Synod's representative in the Faculty, Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman. Therefore,—

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves as a Synod to a hearty sympathy, and willing co-operation in every well-directed plan to advance still further the interests, and meet the needs of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

Resolved, That we again accept the apportionment of \$75.00 in payment of the salary of the Professor of Elocution, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment upon the several Classes.

Resolved further, That recognizing the urgent necessity of a Library Building in connection with the Main Building now being erected, we sincerely hope that the committee having the matter in charge will not cease their efforts until the amount needed shall have been secured.

Second Of Franklin and Marshall College there were referred to us the Annual Catalogue of 1892-93, and a letter from the President, Rev. Dr. J. S. Stahr.

From these your committee learn that our College at Lancaster is still moving onward and upward—that it “has never been in better condition or more prosperous.” Last year it graduated twenty-seven young men. This year, already, it has admitted fifty-four new students to the College alone, making in all 148 college students. In all departments there are 275 students. This is certainly very gratifying to all the friends of the College, and, thus encouraged, may we not look for still larger growth and prosperity, through the united and earnest effort of the Faculty, students, and members of the Church, looking for the day when Franklin and Marshall will stand second to none in favor and influence among the Colleges of our land.

Third, The Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

No less gratifying is the report which comes from this school of the Synod of the Potomac. The weeds of mourning have been laid aside, and the voice of rejoicing is heard through the land. Under the Presidency of Dr. W. Mann Irvine, and his efficient Faculty of young men, the old things, save the foundations laid of the fathers, have passed away, and behold all things are become new. The school flourishes and promises permanent success. Let us rejoice together, and rejoicing, join hands in helping the Board of Regents in completing the wise and liberal things which they have devised for Mercersburg College.

Resolved, That we extend to them and the School under their direction our truest sympathy and co-operation, our liberal gifts, and earnest efforts to send more students.

Resolved, That as a Synod we acquiesce in the recommendation of the Board to increase its number of members from nine to fifteen, and authorize them hereby to have the Charter so amended.

Fourth. Is the Report of the Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., with the Agreement and Lease between the Board and the Trustees of Frederick Female Seminary of Frederick, Md.

From these documents your committee are gratified to know that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the opening of a Woman's College, and that such an institution is now in successful operation, under the Presidency of Prof. Jos. H. Apple, Jr., with an enrolled attendance of 83 pupils.

Encouraged with this auspicious opening of a College for our girls,—

Resolved, That as a Synod we pledge our active co-operation in the advancement of this institution as under the care of Synod's Board of Control, and ask the patronage of our people.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to affix the Seal of the Synod to the Lease submitted to Synod and that the Board adjust the time for which each member shall serve as a member of the Board, as they suggest.

Fifth is the Report of the Board of Education and of the Report of its Treasurer.

From these we learn that the Board has prospered in its work of beneficiary aid during the year past. That the demands of the Board in the care of the students in prosecuting their studies will at least be not less than the requirements of the past year; therefore.

Resolved, That the amount of \$4000.00 be provided for in the way of apportionments for the present year.

With devout thanks to the Father of all Mercies for the measure of blessing vouchsafed to us in our educational work, we respectfully submit this report.

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

The following Report, submitted to the Synod of the Potomac by the Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod, a year ago, to secure certain legal changes in the Charters of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and of Franklin and Marshall College, was accepted and ordered to be recorded in the Minutes. The changes specified were formally accepted and adopted. The report is as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHANGES IN THE CHARTERS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod to act in conjunction with similar Committees of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods in an effort to secure such legal changes to the Charters of Franklin and Marshall College and of the Theological Seminary, as to make the two last-named Synods joint owners with the Eastern Synod of the above-named Institutions; and which was continued by the Synod of Lancaster, Pa., of 1892, with instructions to set in motion the proceedings by which these changes to the Charters might be effected according to the plan recommended and adopted by the three Synods, at their last Annual Meetings, would beg leave to report to the Synods severally, as follows:

1. That the amendments and changes to the Charters of the two Institutions, in question were decreed by the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County Pa., on Saturday, August 19, 1893; and that they are now a part of the organic law of the Institutions and the Church.

2. That in the judgment of the Committee, these Charters as so amended should be formally accepted and adopted by the three Synods, during their Annual Sessions of 1893; and to facilitate such adoption, a copy of the amendments is hereby submitted to each one of the Synods.

Respectfully submitted, S. G. WAGNER, *Chairman*.

ADMMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTERS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

The amendments recommended by the Eastern Synod at its last annual meeting in order to give the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac joint ownership and management of the Seminary and College at Lancaster were decreed by the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County, on Saturday, August 19th, and are now a part of the organic law of said institutions and of the Church.

As these amendments are important and the changes should be taken into consideration at the coming sessions of the three Synods, we lay them before our readers in full, as follows:

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

FIRST. Amend section "one" by adding after the words "United States," at the end of the first sentence, the following words, viz.: "The ownership whereof shall vest in said Board of Trustees and by them be held *in Trust* for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to be managed by them in the interest of these three Synods."

SECOND. Amend so that Article 2 shall read: "The said corporation (Board of Trustees) shall not at any time consist of more than eighteen members, all of whom shall be laymen, of whom said Eastern Synod shall elect nine; said Pittsburgh Synod three; and said Synod of the Potomac six, and the full term of service of such trustees shall be six years; *provided, however*, that of those first chosen under this arrangement the term of one-third shall be four years, and one-third only two years; and the corporation aforesaid shall have power and authority to manage and dispose of said lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, moneys and other estates, whatsoever, agreeably to the intent of the trust committed to it in respect to such property; but in case, when special instructions for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by said three Synods in writing under the hands of their stated clerks, it shall be the duty of said corporation to act according to such instruction, if they are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, or to these Articles of Association—*provided further* that all endowment funds given to the said Theological Seminary be held by the treasurer of this corporation; but that the account of each of the several funds be kept separate and distinct from all other funds, and that the income thereof be applied to the particular purpose for which it was created, and should any Synod at any time withdraw from this compact, the particular endowment fund or funds raised by such withdrawing Synod shall be returned to it."

THIRD. Amend so that Article 6 shall read: "The said three Synods shall from time to time establish such professorships and tutorships in literature, science and theology in the said Seminary as they shall judge expedient, and shall elect the professors and tutors thereof, appoint their salaries, prescribe their duties, and remove them from their offices when in their judgment the interests of the Seminary shall require,—*provided, however*, that vacancies occurring from time to time in the three professorships existing prior to the year A. D. 1890, shall be filled by the Eastern Synod, subject to the approval of the other two Synods, and professorships endowed since the year A. D. 1890,

by any particular Synod shall be filled by such Synod, subject in like manner to approval of the other Synods.

In the case of the trial and discipline of professors of theology as provided for in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, the authority and action of the Synod having control of any particular professorship shall be final as regards the case of the incumbent of such chair.

In case any Synod or Synods refuse to approve the election of a professor of theology, a committee of conference, consisting of three members from each Synod shall be appointed, who after carefully considering the case, shall report their recommendations to the Synods interested for their action; but no election of a professor of theology shall be final until the approbation of all the Synods controlling the Seminary has been obtained."

FOURTH. Amend the first sentence of Article 9 so as to read: "The Board of Visitors of said Theological Seminary shall consist of twelve ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, six of whom shall be elected by the Eastern Synod, two by the Pittsburgh Synod and four by the Synod of the Potomac, and the full term of service of said visitors shall be four years, but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement, the term of one-half shall be only two years and four members of said Board shall constitute a quorum."

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

FIRST. Amend Section 3 of the Original Act of Incorporation by adding at the end of said section the following clause, to wit: "The ownership of the property of Franklin and Marshall College, and the management of the institution shall hereafter vest in said Board of Trustees and by them be held *in trust*, for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and be carried forward in the interest of said three Synods."

SECOND. Amend Section 3 of the supplement to the original Act of Incorporation by striking out said Section 3, and inserting in lieu thereof a new section as follows:

"Section 3. That hereafter the Eastern Synod shall elect twelve, the Pittsburgh Synod three and the Synod of the Potomac six members of the Board of Trustees in such manner as said Synods may respectively determine, and the Board shall choose the remaining nine members. The terms of service of said trustees shall begin on the first day of July next succeeding their election, and they shall continue in office for the period of ten years thereafter."

The Standing Committee, under item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Auditing Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, to examine the Theological Endowment Securities in the hands of the acting Treasurer of Synod, Elder Edgar Slagle, begs leave to report, that the duty assigned was attended to by the committee, October 9, 1893, and the committee reports the Real Estate Mortgages, Railroad Bonds, etc., to be \$35,150.00; cash in bank, \$623.12, making \$35,773.12.

The account of the Fellowship Fund in the hand of the treasurer is as follows, to wit: Amount reported last year, \$1,180.92; accrued interest, less \$10 for guaranteeing mortgages, \$22—total \$1,202.92.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman*.

The Special Committee, appointed last year, as set forth under items 7

and 25 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee appointed a year ago, to mature plans for raising an endowment fund of twenty-five thousand dollars for the support of a Professor of Theology in Catawba College, Newton, N. C., with instructions to inform the trustees of Catawba College and North Carolina Classis of the action of Synod in regard to establishing said professorship, etc., begs leave to submit the following report. The Committee held several meetings during the year for the purpose of discussing the question submitted to us. We applied to the Committee having in charge the making of arrangements for the celebration of the Centennial anniversary of the organization of the first Synod for a place on the Centennial envelopes for free will offerings to this object. Our request was granted; but we have not learned the result of the offerings received.

While we were not instructed to solicit subscriptions, and while we made no effort in this direction, we are glad to report, that we have two conditional subscriptions of one thousand dollars each.

The Committee also informed the trustees of Catawba College and the North Carolina Classis of the action of the Synod in the matter, and both parties answered that they were highly gratified with Synod's action, and would aid the Synod to the utmost of their ability to complete the contemplated endowment.

We recommend the adoption of the following action by the Synod:

Resolved, That, inasmuch as this is a movement to establish a new Theological Seminary in the mission field of the Church, an appeal be made to the entire Church for subscriptions and bequests toward this endowment.

Resolved, That an agent be appointed by the Synod to carry forward the work of securing a fund of twenty-five thousand dollars for the support of said Theological Professor.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN, *Chairman*,

Rev. Joseph L. Murphy was appointed the agent called for in the last resolution of the report, and was granted permission to appoint assistant agents in carrying into execution the work assigned him.

In the same connection, it was ascertained that the amount apportioned upon the Classes last year for theological teaching in Catawba College had been assumed by the several Classes, and a portion thereof paid into the treasury of Synod, a motion was accordingly made and adopted, that the Synod proceed to elect, at this meeting of the Synod, a professor to fill said chair. A Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, S. N. Callender and Elder S. Hoeflich, was appointed to nominate candidates for the professorship to be filled. After due deliberation, the committee reported, naming but one candidate, to wit: the Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., which was received and adopted. Whereupon, the election took place, and the nominee was unanimously elected Professor of Theology in Catawba College.

The following resolutions were thereupon adopted, namely:

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod be instructed to furnish the Professor elect with a formal call to the Professorship to which he has been chosen; and, in case of his acceptance, to take charge of his inauguration.

Resolved, further, that they be directed to confer with him, in the event of his acceptance of his election, and inform him that it is the desire of the Synod that he should enter upon the duties of his chair as soon as next January, if possible; if not, as soon thereafter as possible.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE UNDER ITEM 5 OF REPORT ON MINUTES
OF SYNOD.

The Special Committee under item 5 of Report on Minutes of Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee continued, namely:

Your Committee appointed to provide financial means for Mercersburg College, for endowment, for payment of debt, and for making repairs to the Seminary Building together with the furnishing of rooms, begs leave to report, that they have tried to attend to their duties. In various ways we have secured for the reduction of the debt \$300, and for the repairs of the building nearly \$1,000, and for furnishing the rooms \$700.00—this latter sum secured through the efforts of Prof. Wm. M. Irvine.

In view of the fact that about \$1,000 will be needed for the completion of the repairs and \$1,600 for the payment of the furniture already in the building, in addition to providing for the mortgage and judgment indebtedness of the college, the Committee asks for the adoption by the Synod of the following action:

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to hold educational meetings in the bounds of each congregation, if only for a single session, and that an opportunity be given to the Committee to secure such offerings as the people may freely give toward this object.

Resolved, That the Committee be allowed to appoint such additional members as may be needed to help to complete this work, during the present Synodical year, and that the work be pressed to a speedy conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN, *Chairman*.

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, by direction of the Synod, fixed the terms of office of the several members, as follows: Rev. E. R. Eschbach for 5 years, Rev. C. S. Slagle for 4 years, Elder W. H. Lakin for 3 years, A. C. McCardell for 2 years, and John E. Roller for 1 year.

Revs. J. S. Kieffer, C. Clever, E. R. Eschbach, and J. O. Miller were elected members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders H. W. Shriver, G. N. Forney, E. Slagle, J. H. Cost, I. Laucks, and S. N. Hench members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, held during the session of Saturday forenoon, Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and A. S. Weber were elected members of the Board of Education, for the term of three years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College at the present time, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and A. S. Weber, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and W. Goodrich, for two years; and Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier and F. F. Bahner, for three years; Rev. W. C. Cremer, Elder A. R. Schuebly and Rev. J. B. Shontz, for two years; and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Rev. C. U. Heilman and Elder S. Hoefflich, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, Annual Report of the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several Reports are as follows :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1893.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Potomac Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN : In presenting our report for the Synodical year, we again call your attention to the fact that part of the subject-matter given in former reports is now given in the report of the General Board, and therefore need not be repeated here.

The supervision of the missions within your bounds has received the careful attention of your Board, and with gratitude to Almighty God we report the work in good condition. During the Synodical year the following missions became self-supporting : Lock Haven, Pa., West Rowan, N. C., and Salem, Ore. ; and the following were enrolled : Calvary and Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia, Pa., Tyrone, Pa., and Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa. The mission at Burlington, N. C., was dropped from the roll. We begin the new Synodical year with 34 missions on the roll, 15 of which are in the Eastern Synod and 19 in the Potomac Synod.

As will be seen from the treasurer's report, which is herewith laid before you, our income for the year is somewhat larger than last year ; and although the cry of hard times has been heard throughout the land, the Synods will be glad to hear that our missionaries have thus far been promptly paid in full every quarter ; and now we earnestly beg the Church to stand by the Board during the coming year, which may possibly be a trying period in benevolent finances.

We are glad to report also, after an experience of eighteen months since the transfer of our work to the General Board, that the present plan of carrying forward the work is satisfactory to both Boards.

We can report also that we are learning to do larger things. The Board finds it necessary to loan to some of the missions unusually large sums, as in the case of Scranton, Pa., where we loaned \$2,500, and in the case of St. Stephen's, Baltimore, Md., where we placed six Church-building Funds (\$3,000), and in the case of Roanoke, Va., where we are about to invest \$3,000.

This leads us to say that while our Church-building Funds have proved most helpful, and while we greatly appreciate the kind giving which has enabled the Board to start work which must otherwise have remained undone, it is proper to add that our necessities have not been met by these Funds on hand ; and the Board was therefore obliged in the case of Scranton, Pa., and of Roanoke, Va., to call in some investments of the Board for the purchase of lots, as the treasurer reports in detail.

It gives us great pleasure to add that several Church-building Funds are now being raised, namely, one by the Woman's Missionary Society of East Pennsylvania Classis, one by the Juniata Classical Missionary Society, one by the West Susquehanna Classis, and one by the Woman's Missionary Society of

Wyoming Classis; and it is an encouragement to know also that a beginning has been made in the payment of the Funds loaned to two missions in Baltimore, Md.

Some months ago, convinced that a German Board can carry forward German missions better than an English Board, we recommended to the General Board the transfer of our Pacific Coast missions to the German Board of the West, guaranteeing their full support for six years. The General Board approved this recommendation and appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the German Board. The committees met in Reading, Pa., in May last. The proposed terms were carefully discussed, and also the difficulties as well as the advantages of the transfer; and the German brethren expressed a willingness to report to their Board in favor of the transfer. But we regret to say, that no reply has yet been made to our overture.

The Synod of the Potomac will please note that the terms of Rev. T. J. Barkley and Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., as members of the Board of Missions, expires with this meeting of Synod.

The Eastern Synod will please note that according to its rule the term of all its members in the Board of Missions expires with this meeting of Synod, namely, Rev. E. N. Kremer, Rev. T. O. Stem, Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., Rev. T. J. Hacker, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., Elder J. J. Nissley and Elder D. S. Keller.

As the term of office of Superintendent A. C. Whitmer expires January 1st, 1894, and as (under the terms of agreement in the transfer of your missions to the General Board) the Synods now only nominate the Superintendent, we hereby respectfully recommend to you the nomination of Rev. A. C. Whitmer for this office.

We close our report with thanksgiving to God for His continued blessing upon the work committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN J. NISSLLEY, *Treasurer in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1892. Sept. 26 To balance in the
Treasury (\$166.94 being for Hun-
garian Missions) \$1,750 96

For Missions.

Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.

Philadelphia	\$1,900 03
Tohickon	849 54
Goshenhoppen	1,362 71
East Pennsylvania	750 00
Lebanon	1,392 37
Schuylkill	2,525 85
Lancaster	812 92
East Susquehanna	795 50
West Susquehanna	966 12
Lehigh	1,520 61
Wyoming	735 81
	\$13,611 46

Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.

Maryland	1,480 91
Mercersburg	793 16

Juniata	951 72
Carlisle	507 94
Zion's	990 80
Gettysburg	501 00
North Carolina	202 42
Portland-Oregon	50 00
	\$5,477 95

Interest on Loans.

Interest on Gerhart legacy	12 00
" Maryland Classis	30 00
" Memorial church,	
Wichita, Kansas	90 00
" Hutchison loan	57 00
" Spangler legacy	62 50
" Seidel loan	150 00
" Devor loan	25 00
" Abilene, Kansas	45 00
" Sophia Grove loan	120 00
" Mrs. Fremell loan	198 00
" Kunkle loan	42 50
" Loan to General Board	65 00
	\$897 00

Miscellaneous Sources.

Woman's Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Steelton . . .	300 00
Woman's Miss. Soc., Philada. Classis . . .	25 00
Dr. Reilly, Pastor, Ridgely, Md.	5 00
Rev. Atville Connor, Glade charge	5 00
Miss Emma Gasser, Lancaster, Pa.	5 00
Rev. D. W. Gerhard, Heller's church	3 46
Rev. C. J. Musser, Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa.	251 00
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.	10 00
John Kremer, Treas., Harrisburg, Pa.	3 42
Mrs. M. A. Wiest, Treas. S. School, New Holland, Pa.	5 72
Rev. M. H. Bensing, Treas. Fleetwood, Pa.	20 00
Mrs. S. E. P. Mosser for Hazelton, Pa.	5 00
Wm. Euker, Ridgely, Md.	20 50
Congregation and S. School, Reigelsville, Pa.	175 75
Rev. G. Gradel and others, Ballard, Washington.	10 50
Member of New Holland, Pa., Charge	16 61
Member of Broadheads ville, Pa., Charge	20 00
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va. S. School Miss. Soc., Christ's Ref. Church, Phila, Pa.	25 00
S. School, Church of the Strangers, Phila., Pa.	100 00
S. School, Church of the Strangers, Phila., Pa.	14 30
Woman's Miss. Soc., Upton, Pa.	20 00
N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	20 00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Woodstock, Va.	10 00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Woodstock, Va.	6 46
Woman's Miss. Soc., General Synod, for Steelton	300 00
Centennial Offering, First Church, York, Pa.	66 22
Henry Brook Parvin	5 00
Rev. Geo. G. Everhart, Shepherdstown, West Va., Mem. Offering	8 00
Sunday School, Shepherds town, W. Va.	15 00
Sunday School, New Holland, Pa., Easter Offering	1 75
	\$1,453 69

Hungarian Missions.

Maryland Classis	72 00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Woodstock, Va.	11 00
1st and 2nd Quarterly payments, Woms. Miss. Soc. Eastern Synod	150 00
John J. Nissley, Treas., Eastern Synod	380 40
	\$ 613 40

Harbor Mission.

Rev. F. A. Rupley, Tr. Juniata Classis	5 00
John J. Nissley, Tr. Eastern Synod	141 50
	\$ 146 50
	\$23,950 96

Disbursements.

Paid Chas. Santee, Treas., General Board	\$12,467 93
Paid James T. Raber	6,945 88
	\$19,413 81
Paid for support of certain Ministers	755 00
Paid Salary W. H. Seibert, former Treasurer	75 00
Under Credit in payment to Rev. Ueber	25 00
	\$ 100 00
Paid Chas. Santee, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	501 13
Paid James T. Raber, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	279 21
	\$ 780 34
Paid James T. Raber, Treas., for Harbor Missions	50 00
Paid Chas. Santee, Treas., for Harbor Missions	96 50
	\$ 146 50
Paid Traveling Expenses of Superintendent and Board, Postage, Printing, Stationery, etc.	\$ 331 63
Paid Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	\$ 150 00
October 2. Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$ 2,273 68
	\$23,950 96

For Church Building.

1892. Sept. 26. To Balance in Treasury	\$3,187 38
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Eastern Synod.

Received from John J. Nissley, Tr., contributed by following Classes:	
Tobickon Classis	176 62
Goshenhoppen Classis	183 00
East Penna. "	105 00
Lebanon "	139 70
Schnuylkill "	256 02
Lancaster "	95 00
East Susquehanna "	151 55
Lehigh "	233 38
	\$ 1,310 27

Po'omac Synod.

Juniata Classis	227 31
Carlisle "	75 34
Zion's "	23 00
Gettysburg "	107 00
Portland-Oregon Classis	15 25
	\$447 90

Church Building Funds.

Woman's Miss. Soc., East Penna. Classis Fund	174 66
Tobickon Classis Fund	68 07
Henry Gable Fund	500 00

Woman's Miss. Soc., Wyom-	
ing Classis Fund . . .	141 24
Catechumen's Fund . . .	42 60

\$926 57

For Roanoke Mission.

Moore Township Charge .	10 00
Woman's Miss. Society, St.	
Stephen's Refd. Church,	
Lancaster, Pa.	23 40

\$33 40

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Bellaman's Church for	
Ness Co. Mission, Kan-	
sas	\$22 00
From Mrs. Rev. A. L.	
Shenkle	\$25 00

Loans Repaid.

Maryland Classis 2d payment on 2d Mortgage.	
Faith Mission, Baltimore,	
Md.	150 00
J. C. Leonard et-al., note	
paid	200 00
Harry C. Devor Mortgage .	1,900 00
Geo. Z. Kunkle	2,000 00
Mrs. C. A. Fremell on account	
Mortgage	200 00
Grace Ref. Church, Abilene,	
Kansas, account Mort-	
gage	200 00
Maryland Classis, 4th pay-	
ment, account \$850,	
Faith Mission, Balti-	
more, Md.	150 00

Eastern Synod, on account	
Bond	21 45
	\$4,821 45
	\$10,803 97

Disbursements.

Paid Rev. Lewis Reiter for	
Roanoke Mission . . .	113 50
Paid Rev. Lewis Reiter for	
Roanoke Mission . . .	33 40
Paid Pledge to St. Luke's	
Mission at Lancaster, Pa.	50 00
Paid loan to St. Stephen's	
Church, Baltimore, Md.	3,000 00
Paid to complete the Tohio-	
kon Church - building	
Fund	18 07
Paid Church Extension, Bal-	
timore, Md.	34 53
Paid loan to General Board	2,200 00
Paid First Reformed Church,	
Royersford, Pa.	1,000 00
Paid East Susq. Classis for	
Tower City, Pa.	150 00
Paid loan to Calvary Refd.	
Church, Scranton, Pa.	2,500 00
Paid St. Stephen's, Balti-	
more, Md.	300 00
Paid for lot in Astoria,	
Oregon	1,000 00
	\$10,399 50
Paid Rev. H. W. Bates,	
Johnstown, Pa.	1 00
Paid Rev. D. B. Shuey for	
Ness Co. Mission . . .	22 00
1893. Oct. 2. Balance in Treasury,	381 47
	\$10,803 97

Respectfully submitted,

Hummelstown, Pa., Oct. 2, 1893.

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the above account, find it correct.

C. S. GERHARD.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 2, 1893.

ELLIS N. KREMER.

ANNUAL REPORT, GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1892, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1893.

To the English Synods.

BRETHREN:—From the fact that a full report was rendered by the Board to the late General Synod at Reading, and widely distributed throughout the Church, it was not deemed necessary to issue a report at this time, for general distribution, but only to present a general review of the work for the past year.

We have many reasons for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for His abundant mercy toward us in the general missionary work of the Church. The past year has witnessed the fruit of the unification movement, and it must be admitted by all who have noticed the results, that they have been all that the most hopeful could have predicted. At the beginning of the year we had but entered upon the work in this united form, and there were then those who still believed that it would have been best to allow the different Synods to carry on the work as they had been doing for years before. But more than a year has elapsed since the new order of things was inaugurated, and the results have been most satisfactory. We can but rejoice as we look back over the year's

work. Not only has God blessed our labors, but we may claim, most justly, for those under the Board, a year of faithful and diligent service. God blesses those only in the labors of His vineyard who are faithful in the discharge of their duties. This being the test, we may believe that, as a general thing, our Missionaries have been faithful to their trust, as their labors abundantly prove. As in other years, the Board was not in a position to answer all the calls made upon it. The work might be very greatly extended had the Board the means at hand. So far, the Board has had less difficulty in getting men than means. We deem it a hopeful sign for the Church that men are more willing to offer themselves for the Mission work.

SELF-SUPPORTING.

The past year has witnessed a determination on the part of quite a number of Missions to become independent of the Board by providing for their own support. This is as it should be, although with a number of these fields it was a severe struggle to do so. There is a tendency on the part of some fields to seek aid from the Board when they might be self-sustaining, so that we feel the more like giving praise to those that are determined to support themselves and allow the Board to take up other points. Liberty Center, O., Scottsdale, Pa., Salem, Ore., Stafford, Ore., Timberville, Va., West Roan, N. C., and Williamsport, Pa., have passed off the roll of the Board during the year. Other fields are very near the line of self-support, and we confidently expect them to be independent of the Board in the near future.

NEW FIELDS.

Of these a larger number were added during the year than the number that became self-supporting. When the last Annual Report was offered, arrangements had been made for the enrollment of several fields. Including these, the following is a list of those enrolled during the year: Athens, Mich., Massillon, O., Apollo, Pa., Grove City, Pa., Chicago, Ill., Columbus Junction, Iowa, Tyrone, Pa., Harrisburg, Pa., West Philadelphia and Philadelphia, Pa. Of these Philadelphia, Pa., Grove City, Pa., and Massillon, O., do not go into operation until October 1st, 1893, although they are now regularly entered upon the rolls of the Board. In addition to these fields that have been enrolled, many calls came to the Board asking that other points be taken up. Gladly would the Board give heed to all these calls, but to do so is simply impossible. Youngstown, Ohio, has often been brought to the notice of the Board as an important point, but the lack of funds has made its enrollment impossible thus far. It is, however, next on the list for enrollment among the large cities.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.

In this work we now have three missionaries. The third missionary arrived lately in this country in the person of Licentiate Frank Fresenzi. He will soon be ordained by the Allegheny Classis and will be placed in Pittsburg as an assistant to Brother Kovacs. This will enable Brother Kovacs to visit points in the east and south (as the Board has ordered him to do) with a view to open up additional fields for work among the Hungarians. Brother Jurany of Cleveland is arranging for the erection of a church in that city, but the stringency of the times is interfering very much with this enterprise. Upon the whole the work is progressing as well as could be expected under the present unsettled condition of the country. It affords us pleasure to state that through the good offices of Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., of Pittsburg, Mr. Hanna, of that city, has given \$500 toward the increase of this good work. Might not others do the same?

The Board, in order that it may receive the support it deserves, asks that the

sum of \$2,500 be apportioned upon the Synods for this work the ensuing year, as follows:

Eastern Synod	\$1,000
Potomac "	300
Ohio "	250
Central "	200
N. Western "	300
Pittsburg "	275
German Synod of East	100
Interior Synod	75

\$2,500

With this sum it is believed the work can be carried forward through the year, including the expenses of the third Missionary.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Much has been said upon the importance of this arm of the work. But its importance is not yet fully appreciated by our Church, much as has been written upon it. Four funds of \$500 each have been obtained during the year for this work. These were special funds. Other moneys have been received from the apportionments. During the year a Church property was purchased in St. Joseph Mo., at a cost of \$4,750, and a lot in Columbus, O., at a cost of \$3,300. Several payments were also made on lots purchased during the previous year. To accomplish this, the Board was compelled to borrow some funds, so that the actual indebtedness at this time is \$2,750. But in order to meet payments in the near future, it may be necessary to borrow additional moneys. But as an offset to this debt, we might state that very little of the apportionments made in the Spring have come in as yet, which when received will be applied on this debt. There are a few bequests for this cause which will be received soon, which can also be applied to the liquidation of the debt. But the Board cannot assist any other fields until the indebtedness is canceled. The Synods would do well to urge their membership to liberal giving for the cause of Church Extension. There certainly is no other object more worthy, and none that will help so much to extend the Church. This cause should be presented to the people as especially worthy of their donations and bequests.

THE NEEDS OF THE BOARD.

It was very much feared that the Board would find a shortage at the close of the quarter, ending September 30, 1893, because of the stringency of the times and from the fact, also, that during this quarter many of the pastors are absent from their charges. But we are gratified to state that when the Executive Committee met on October 3, there was a shortage of only a few hundred dollars. But some may blame the Board for enrolling so many missions during the year. Could the Board have foreseen the financial crash that has come upon the country, a less number would doubtless have been enrolled. But they are now on our roll. To strike them off would be wrong. The best we can do is to fulfil our contract with them. In order to do this it is necessary for the Church to stand by the Board. Times are hard, we are told; true, and for that very reason it is a bad time for the Board to be involved in a debt. The Board needs every cent that has been promised to Missions, Hungarian Missions, Church Extension and Harbor Missions. If the Church fails to provide these funds, the Board must fail to meet its obligations. For the year commencing April 1st, 1894, the Board must have at least \$40,000 for Missions direct. There are those who may say that this sum is too large—that no such

appropriations should have been made. But the Synods will observe under what stress the Board is placed at times. It is always glad to enroll Missions when possible—and now let the Church stand manfully by it, so that it can meet its obligations.

FUNDS NEEDED.

For the ensuing year the Board needs the sum of \$40,000 for Missions direct. When the Missions are all fully manned that sum will be required. The Executive Committee, at its meeting in Pittsburg on July 11th, made careful estimates of the sums needed, and requested that the following apportionments be made for the year, from April 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895:

Eastern Synod	\$17,000
Potomac "	9,000
Ohio "	8,000
Pittsburg "	4,500
Interior "	1,500

Total . . . \$40,000

Considering the increase of membership, these amounts are but little larger than were asked of these Synods in past years.

In addition to the above, the General Board makes the earnest request that the small sum of *five cents* per member be apportioned for the cause of Church Extension. While these apportionments may seem large in the aggregate—yet we find that all these combined (not including Harbor Missions) do not reach quite *thirty-one cents* per member. This is certainly a small sum for a membership of the Church to pay toward so noble a cause as Home Missions.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

Funds, additional to the apportionments, have been gathered during the year—generally under the name of the 1000, 5's fund. Much of this was used for Church Extension, but a goodly share of it went for the regular work. In this way was made up the deficiency in the apportionments. The same will be continued through the year to come. The Superintendents will find much hard work before them in looking up the deficiencies in the apportionments and in gathering additional funds. This is seemingly necessary during the money stringency. We ask that the Synods give all possible encouragement to the gathering of these additional funds. If this matter is seen to at the proper time the Board and the Church will be saved the annoyance of an ugly debt.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Synods will notice that the officers of the Board are: Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary; Elder J. T. Reber, Treasurer; and Elder C. M. Boush, Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund.

We are glad to state that the Missions are all supplied with earnest pastors, with two exceptions, and these two have prospects of getting pastors at an early date.

We are gratified to be able to state that all our Missionaries are paid up in full to July 1st, 1893.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Eastern Synod and the Potomac Synod are hereby notified that the time for which Superintendent Whitmer was elected will expire on December 31st, 1893, and are requested to nominate his successor according to the terms of the Plan of Unification. Respectfully submitted, D. S. Fouse, *Miss. Supt.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions begs most respectfully to call the attention of your Reverend Body to the grand successes and encouraging prospects, as also to the urgent wants and embarrassing limitations of our foreign work. In view of the very full presentation of all these interests recently made in our Triennial Report to General Synod, a copy of which has been sent to each of our pastors, it is not deemed necessary to repeat them here, but simply to refer you to that report. Since the rendering of that report, our two schools in Sendai have been in vacation, and no important intelligence has reached us, except the sad fact of the critical illness of our dear Brother, Rev. D. B. Schneder, who at last accounts was still very sick of typhoid fever. But happily the belief was that the indications were favorable to his recovery. We are pained to have to say, that his associates in the field attribute his illness largely to over-work. The Board has frequently apprised the Church that for the want of adequate financial means we were compelled to expose our faithful Missionaries to this wrongful exaction. And up to the present time the inadequacy of our means has not been relieved by a larger response of the home Church. Dear Brethren, shall we sacrifice the health and possibly the lives of our beloved brethren in Japan, when the means for their relief would be readily available, if self-denying effort were employed by those of us who are at home?

We would further bespeak your careful attention, and earnestly solicit the necessary responsive action on your part, to the action of the late General Synod, in the interest of our mission work. This action was prompted by a spirit of profound gratitude to God for the surprising blessings and success with which He had crowned our work in Japan, as also the painful conviction that our Church was not responding in the measure in which He had given her the ability. It, therefore, solemnly resolved, that an advance should be made in the amount of her contributions, that she might do her part in answer to the leading of Divine Providence. The resolution fixed the sum needed at \$35,000 per year for the next three years. It also indicated the amount necessary from each District Synod, to secure the sum. This was done not as a direct authoritative apportionment, but rather as a *tentative* measure, indicating how much each Synod *ought* to raise, leaving it to each to devise its own methods for securing it. The distribution of the sum needed was as follows:

Eastern Synod, \$15,000; Synod of Potomac, \$5,100; Ohio Synod, \$3,300; Synod of the Northwest, \$3,200; Pittsburgh Synod, \$2,600; German Synod of the East, \$2,500; Central Synod, \$3,100; Interior Synod, \$200.

We are well aware that there are other and urgent claims upon the benevolence of our Church; but we submit, that our Church has not been responding in a just measure of her ability. Observation and experience have demonstrated that our people are not as slow to advance in their benevolent contributions as perhaps some of our ministers have considered them, and that to an intelligent, instructive and earnest presentation of the claims of Foreign Missions our people will respond, in addition to their other gifts.

We beg to suggest the adoption of such methods as will bring the subject home to each and every congregation. Let something effective be done, that the full amount designated for you by General Synod may be raised. For the methods heretofore employed have shown themselves sadly inadequate to the necessities of the case.

With the prayer for the Divine blessing upon you in your deliberations, and in your persons, I am
Your Brother in Christ,
Mechanicsburg, Pa., August 24, 1893. S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to report as follows :

The communications placed in our hands are the Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, The Annual Report of General Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, The Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, a Communication from the Missionary Society of the Juniata Classis and a Communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid.

From the Reports of the Boards of Home Missions we learn that the work of Home Missions has been successfully carried forward during the past year. We owe devout gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings which He has bestowed upon the labors of our missionaries and for the success which has attended their efforts. The work is reported in good condition ; larger contributions are reported by the Bi-Synodic Board ; the unification plan is reported as working satisfactorily ; an encouraging number of missions have become self-supporting ; and a number of new missions have been enrolled.

There is an urgent call for increased contributions for church building. Several Special Church Building Funds are being raised ; but more are needed to meet the pressing demands of the several Boards. This subject is commended to the pastors and Churches in the bounds of this Synod, and especially to those whom the Lord has blessed with means, as an object worthy of prayerful consideration and liberal gifts.

The Board of Missions request this Synod to assume as its apportionment for the coming year the sum of \$9,000 for Home Missions ; \$300 for Hungarian Missions, and an amount equal to, at least, five cents per member for Church Building. In regard to this request your Committee recommends the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, That we assume the amounts of \$9,000 for Home Missions ; \$300 for Hungarian Missions ; \$1,650 for Church Building ; and that these sums be apportioned among the several Classes.

Resolved, That of the amount realized for Church Building one-half be paid into the treasury of the Bi-Synodic Board, and the other into that of the General Board,

From the report of the Foreign Board we learn, with regret, of the serious illness of one of our faithful missionaries, Rev. D. B. Schneder, and of the continued embarrassment of the Board in consequence of the insufficient financial provision by the Church. In consequence of the inadequacy of the contributions to meet the demands of our Foreign Missions, the General Synod at its late meeting in Reading Pa., resolved to raise the amount of \$35,000 per year for the next three years, and to indicate the amount needed from each of the District Synods. The amount needed from this Synod is \$5,100. Inasmuch, however, as the amounts to be realized from this apportionment will not come into the treasury for some time, it will be necessary for the Churches to continue their free-will offerings. Your Committee recommends the following action for adoption :

Resolved, That this Synod accepts the sum of \$5,100 as its apportionment for Foreign Missions for the coming year ; and that this amount be apportioned among the several Classes composing this Synod.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the amounts to be realized from this apportionment will not come into the treasury, all pastors and congregations within the

bounds of the Synod be urgently requested to make liberal contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions.

In regard to the increasing financial embarrassment of the Board of Foreign Missions, your Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Whereas, The debt of the Board of Foreign Missions has now assumed very grave proportions, and is becoming a burden impossible to carry any longer without peril; and *Whereas*, The contributions coming in from the churches in support of Foreign Missions are insufficient to meet the running expenses of the Board, thus adding to the debt already incurred, therefore,—

Resolved, That it is necessary for the Church to take special measures to raise money to relieve the Board of this debt.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to appoint a self-denial week, during which the members of our churches, by special acts of self-restraint, make an effort to save a part of their income, which is to be devoted to the payment of this debt.

Resolved, That in order that the whole Church may co-operate in this effort, the Eastern Synod be requested to take action in accordance with that taken by the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That the appointment of the particular week to be known as *Self-Denial Week*, together with the ways and means of awakening the interest of our people, be confided to the Board of Foreign Missions.

In reference to the communication from the Missionary Society of Juniata Classis requesting the organization of a Synodical Missionary Society, your Committee recommends the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the Missionary Societies of Mercersburg and Juniata Classes and such other Classical Missionary Societies as may be organized, be authorized to organize a Missionary Society of the Synod of the Potomac, and that a committee of three be appointed by this Synod to assist in the said organization.

Resolved, That in order to the conservation of the system of missionary work employed by the Synod of the Potomac, it is deemed advisable that they shall be mixed or normal societies.

Resolved, That the object of this and all Missionary Societies is, not to legislate, but to disseminate missionary intelligence, to arouse enthusiasm in the work and to raise funds; and that the proposed Missionary Society be instructed steadily to bear this object in mind.

In regard to the communication from the Rev. J. G. Schmid, your Committee recommend that the Corresponding Secretary of the Synod communicate to the brother our sympathy in his struggle, and that his request for help be referred to the Board of Missions of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman*.

Revs. T. J. Barkley, F. F. Bahner, and Elder H. W. Shriver were appointed the Committee to assist in organizing the Synodical Missionary Society, as authorized.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod requests Mrs. M. E. Whitmore and Miss R. H. Schively to co-operate with the Committee in effecting the organization of the Synodical Missionary Society, as authorized by the Synod.

At the election held for members of the several Boards, Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore were elected members of the Synod's Board of Missions for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore, for four years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for three years; Rev. J. W. Pontius, for two years; and Revs. J. O. Miller and C. Clever, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, *Acting Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending Oct. 13, 1893.*

Dr.

Received.

From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund	\$ 89 00	
" " " " Mercersburg College	4 83	
" " " " Theological Seminary	1 14	
" " " " Church Extension in Baltimore	2 47	
" " " " North Carolina Professorship	15 70—	113 14
" Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund	171 00	
" " " " Theological Seminary	20 00	
" " " " Mercersburg College	45 00	
" " " " " " Debt	15 60	
" " " " Hungarian Missions	58 75	
" " " " Church Extension in Baltimore	125 00	
" " " " North Carolina Professorship	94 75	
" " " " Seminary Building at Lancaster	8 33—	537 83
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund	65 00	
" " " " Theological Seminary	11 00	
" " " " Church Extension in Baltimore	60 00	
" " " " Hungarian Missions	55 00	
" " " " Home Missions	70 00=	261 00
" Virginia Classis for Contingent Fund	47 00	
" " " " Hungarian Missions	27 00	
" " " " Theological Seminary	5 00	79 00
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund	106 00	
" " " " Home Missions	198 00	
" " " " Theological Seminary	12 00—	316 00
" Carlisle Classis for Mercersburg College	35 61	
" " " " Hungarian Missions	19 33	
" " " " Harbor Missions	4 50	
" " " " Theological Seminary	2 75	
" " " " Washington Parsonage	5 00	
" " " " Roanoke Reformed Church	5 00	
" " " " Hazelton	3 00	
" " " " Tower City " "	4 00—	79 19
" Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund	103 00	
" " " " Church Extension in Baltimore	75 00	
" " " " Theological Seminary	13 00	
" " " " " " Building at Lancaster	12 60	203 60
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund	59 00	
" " " " Hungarian Missions, 1892	31 00	
" " " " " " 1891	30 00—	120 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer October 8th, 1892		972 88
		\$2,682 64

Respectfully submitted.

Theological Seminary Endowment Account.

To cash received from subscriptions	\$339 13	
To cash on hand October 8th, 1892	418 40—	757 53
Amount of Endowment Fund invested in Bonds and Mortgages		35,150 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer		623 12
Total amount of Fund		\$35,773 12

Interest Account.

To interest received from October 8th, 1892, to October 13, 1893	1,794 86
To cash on hand October 8th, 1892	427 77
	\$2,222 63
By cash paid Prof. J. C. Bowman	1,876 02
Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$346 61
<i>Fellowship Endowment Account of the Synod of the Potomac.</i>	
Amount of Fund October 8th, 1892	\$1,180 92
Interest received	22 00
Total amount of Fund	\$1,202 92
Respectfully submitted.	

Cr.**Expenditures.**

1892.		
October 13.	By cash paid Rev. U. H. Heilman, expense at dedication of Dr. Higbee Memorial Stone	9 00
"	By cash paid Rev. Cyrus Cort, expense as member of committee on educational policy of Synod	5 50
"	By cash paid Rev. T. J. Barkley, expense as member of committee on educational policy of Synod	5 68
"	By cash paid Rev. A. Wanner, expense as member of committee on location of Seminary Building	1 25
October 21.	By cash paid Rev. J. A. Hoffheins for expense of Synod	25 00
October 27.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expense as member of committee on Seminary Building	4 90
December 21.	By cash paid Reformed Church Publication House, publishing Minutes	185 00
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, interest on Stoudenour Legacy	12 00
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, postage and expressage on minutes	10 00
1893.		
January 10.	By cash paid Rev. J. T. Rossiter, attending meeting of Trustees	1 70
"	By cash paid Hanover S. F. Society, Box rent for 1893	5 00
April 29.	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, expense of Special Meeting of Synod	5 00
"	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expense as member of committee on Woman's College	3 15
"	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle for expense as member of committee on Woman's College	2 40
"	By cash paid Elder H. J. Seibert for expense as member of committee on Woman's College	7 85
"	By cash paid W. H. McCardell for expense as member of committee on Woman's College	7 35
May 11.	By cash paid Rev. A. H. Kremer, attending Meeting of Board of Visitors	2 00
May 12.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk	100 00
May 17.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechbill Legacy	12 00
May 19.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, attending meeting of Board of Visitors	3 00
June 26.	By cash paid Rev. A. T. G. Apple, for Washington Parsonage	5 00
"	By cash paid Rev. L. Reiter, for Reformed Church at Roanoke	5 00
"	By cash paid Rev. A. Noll, for Reformed Church at Hazleton	3 06
"	By cash paid Rev. L. D. Steckel for Reformed church at Tower City	4 09
July 25.	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas., Church Extension in Baltimore	187 47
August 10.	By cash paid J. J. Nissley, Treas., for Home Missions	198 00
August 16.	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas., Church Extension in Baltimore	75 00
September 4.	By cash paid Edgar Slagle, salary as Treasurer to Jan. 1, 1894	100 00
September 25.	By cash paid J. J. Nissley, Treas., for Seminary Building at Lancaster	8 33
"	By cash paid J. T. Reber, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	137 33
September 30.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, President of Board of Regents, for Mercersburg College	85 44
September 30.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College Debt	15 00

October 10.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary at Lancaster	75 00
"	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., for Home Missions	70 00
"	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., for Theological Seminary Building at Lancaster	12 60
October 12.	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, for Hungarian Missions	83 75
"	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas., for Harbor Missions	4 50
	Balance in hands of Treasurer	1,206 34
		<u>\$2,682 64</u>

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

The Committee on Finance submits the following report. The Treasurer's Report has been audited, and found to be correct, according to the vouchers furnished by him.

Of the \$900 needed to meet the assessment of the General Synod for contingent expenses, one half is assessed at this time, with the understanding that the other half will be assessed next year. The following additional amounts have been referred to the committee for apportionment, namely: Home Missions \$9,000, Foreign Missions \$5,100, Hungarian Missions \$300, Church Building \$1,650, Beneficiary Education \$4,000, North Carolina Theological Professorship \$1,000, Theological Seminary \$75, and Contingent Fund of the Synod \$600. These various amounts are apportioned as follows:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis \$2,201, Gettysburg Classis \$1,363, Juniata Classis \$1,320, Zion's Classis \$1,123, Mercersburg Classis \$841, North Carolina Classis \$755, Carlisle Classis \$630, Virginia Classis \$604, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$163.—Making \$9,000.

Foreign Missions.—Maryland Classis \$1,247, Gettysburg Classis \$772, Juniata Classis \$748, Zion's Classis \$636, Mercersburg Classis \$477, North Carolina Classis \$428, Carlisle Classis \$358, Virginia Classis \$342, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$92.—Making \$5,100.

Hungarian Missions.—Maryland Classis \$74, Gettysburg Classis \$46, Juniata Classis \$45, Zion's Classis \$38, Mercersburg Classis \$29, North Carolina Classis \$26, Carlisle Classis \$22, and Virginia Classis \$21.—Making \$301.

Church Building.—Maryland Classis \$404, Gettysburg Classis \$250; Juniata Classis \$242, Zion's Classis \$206, Mercersburg Classis \$154, North Carolina Classis \$138, Carlisle Classis \$116, Virginia Classis, \$111, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$29.—Making \$1,650.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis \$976, Juniata Classis \$725, Gettysburg Classis \$600, Zion's Classis \$499, Mercersburg Classis \$450, Carlisle Classis \$350, Virginia Classis \$300, and North Carolina Classis \$100.—Making \$4000.

North Carolina Theological Professorship.—Maryland Classis \$250, Juniata Classis \$154, Gettysburg Classis \$142, Zion's Classis \$124, Mercersburg Classis \$104, North Carolina Classis \$85, Carlisle Classis \$75, and Virginia Classis \$75.—Making \$1,009.

Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis \$20, Juniata Classis \$13, Gettysburg Classis \$12, Mercersburg Classis \$11, Zion's Classis \$9, Carlisle Classis \$5, and Virginia Classis \$5.—Making \$75.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Maryland Classis \$110, Gettysburg Classis \$70, Juniata Classis \$67, Zion's Classis \$57, Mercersburg Classis \$44, North Carolina Classis \$37, Carlisle Classis \$32, Virginia Classis \$28, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$5.—Making \$450.

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Maryland Classis \$146, Gettysburg Classis \$93, Juniata Classis \$88, Zion's Classis \$76, Mercersburg Classis \$58, North Carolina Classis \$49, Carlisle Classis \$42, Virginia Classis \$38, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$10.—Making \$600.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOYER, *Chairman.*

ARREARAGES.

The following are the arrearages still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$105.94; Portland-Oregon Classis, \$52; and Zion's Classis, \$28.52.—Making \$186.46.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$12.29; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.00.—Making \$17.29.

Mercersburg College.—Zion's Classis, \$157.56; North Carolina Classis, \$33.00; Maryland Classis, \$24.50; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$8.00.—Making \$223.16.

Harbor Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$93.00; Zion's Classis, \$29.14; North Carolina Classis, \$10.00; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$8.00.—Making \$142.14.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$966.80; Gettysburg Classis, \$620.00; Zion's Classis, \$248.85; and Mercersburg Classis, \$54.73.—Making \$1,890.38.

Church Extension in Baltimore.—Gettysburg Classis, \$75.00; Zion's Classis, \$57.53; Carlisle Classis, \$60.00; and Virginia Classis, \$45.00.—Making \$237.53.

Theological Seminary.—Zion's Classis, \$7.86; and Carlisle Classis, \$2.25. Making \$10.11.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board met, pursuant to call of the President, at Hanover, Pa., on January 10th, and organized by calling J. T. Rossiter to the chair, and George N. Forney as Vice-President and Secretary. Members present were Elder H. M. Schmuck, J. T. Rossiter and George N. Forney.

The business claiming the attention of the Board was as follows:

Item 1. President stated he had received official notice from the President of the Synod, Rev. John G. Noss, of the positive declination of Elder H. M. Schmuck to fill the office of the Treasurer of Synod, as elected by Synod held at Martinsburg, W. Va. It appears from the Charter of the Synod of the Potomac, this Board has not the power or authority to elect a treasurer or to appoint one in case of death or vacancy from any cause. Therefore, as it is necessary to have some one authorized to attend to the receiving and disbursing of funds, it is deemed best and most prudent that this Board assume the responsibility of appointing an *Agent* of this Board as *Acting Treasurer*, until the next meeting of Synod. It was then resolved that Edgar Slagle, of Hanover, Pa., be appointed as *Agent* or *Acting Treasurer* until the next meeting of Synod.

Item 2. At a special meeting of Synod, held at Westminster, April 27th, 1893, this action of the Board was ratified and confirmed and Mr. Slagle has continued as *Acting Treasurer* until the present time. It will be the duty of Synod to elect a *Treasurer* at this meeting.

Item 3. Your Board would respectfully ask Synod to take some action looking towards the filling of any vacancy occurring in the office of its *Treasurer*

between the meetings of Synod. Your Board would beg to suggest that Synod pass a resolution authorizing the Board to appoint a Treasurer in case of vacancy until the next regular meeting of Synod.

Item 4. For an account of the receipts and disbursements of monies controlled by this Board, we beg to refer Synod to the Report of its Treasurer, presented at this meeting. Respectfully submitted, J. T. ROSSITER, *President*.

HANOVER, PA., Oct. 17th, 1893.

The portion of the report referring to the vacancy in the Treasurership of Synod was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. G. Noss, C. B. Heller and Elder W. H. Bargelt, for consideration. Subsequently the Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of vacancy in the Treasurership of the Synod, submits the following report:

In respect to the request of the Board to the Synod for authority to fill the office of treasurer in case of the death, resignation or otherwise of the Treasurer elected by the Synod, at its annual meeting, the Synod does not consider itself competent to grant such authority, under the present provisions of the charter, and therefore authorizes and directs the Board of Trustees to have such amendment made to the charter as shall meet the aforesaid contingencies.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. Noss, *Chairman*.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay \$35.00 to the delegates of the North Carolina Classis, being one-half of their traveling expenses to the present meeting of Synod.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Edgar Slagle was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, for the term of five years, from January 1, 1894.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Edgar Slagle, five years; Elder Jacob N. Slagle, four years; Elder H. M. Schmuck, three years; Elder G. N. Forney, two years; and Rev. J. T. Rossiter, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Dear Brethren:—The Board, in rendering its report, is gratified to be able to state that there has been a marked advance in Sunday-school interest and enthusiasm during the past year within the bounds of the Synod; and we believe that the conventions which have been held at the various points, including Children's Day, have contributed largely to this result.

While the increase in the number of scholars has not been so large as you may have had reason to expect, we feel there has been compensation in the fact that there have been encouraging signs of improvement in the character of the schools and in the consecrated spirit in which they are conducted and taught.

We would, however, call your attention to the fact that, within the past twenty years of the history of the Reformed Church, the number of Sunday-school scholars has increased one hundred and thirty-six per cent. In 1872, the number of scholars reported was 63,038, and in 1892 the number was 149,023.

After all that has been wrought, "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Energized and enlightened by the Divine Spirit, let us push our work with such vigor and faith, that every child may be speedily brought within the shelter of the cross.

That these results may be more fully and promptly attained, the General Synod, recently in session at Reading, Pa., authorized its Sunday-school Board to elect a General Sunday-school Secretary who shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office, which, in part, should consist of visiting the churches and Sunday-schools of the different Classes, delivering addresses to emphasize the importance of the work, and awake greater interest in the study of the Scriptures.

This office having been created, and Rev. R. W. Miller having been chosen to perform the duties thereof, the Board urges the Synod to give its hearty, moral and financial support to the General Sunday-school Secretary, at least, to the extent asked by the General Synod.

The Seventh International Sunday-school Convention, recently in session at St. Louis, endorsed enthusiastically and with practical unanimity the International Lesson System. But it still remains true that there are some earnest Sunday-school workers who object, for several reasons, to the International System. The attention of such persons is directed to the Blakeslee Graded Lesson Series which has been prepared to meet the objections to the system referred to.

Finances.

Balance in hands of the Treasurer at the close of the Synod, 1892,	\$22.45
Received from collection at Martinsburg, W. V.	5.57

\$28.02

Paid out to Jno. W. Rauch for Sunday-school Chapel at Falling Waters	20.00
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Leaving balance in Treasury October 16, 1893	\$8.02
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Brethren, let us move forward in our great work, and after awhile we shall more fully and grandly realize the truth, that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Respectfully submitted, G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

The following preamble and resolution were moved and adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, There is a wide-spread and deeply felt need for a Sunday-school Hymn Book, which, while giving our schools hymns adapted to the case of the

young, will not tend to cultivate a state of feeling and faith not in full accord with the spirit and culture of our own Church ; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod be overtured to appoint a committee to prepare a hymn book for use in our Sunday-schools.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. A. T. G. Apple was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. A. T. G. Apple, five years ; Rev. I. N. Peightel, four years ; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, three years ; Rev. W. I. Stewart, two years ; and Elder G. S. Griffith, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with Item 18 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted :

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had two thousand copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twentieth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, at the cost of \$185.00. The bill was paid promptly by the Treasurer of Synod. The Minutes were ready for distribution, and were distributed in the beginning of December, fully two and one-half months earlier than those of the previous year.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1893.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods.

Brethren.—Your Publication Board reports that the publication interests continue in a flourishing state, as attested by the words of commendation received and by the steady growth in their circulation, notably in that of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, your leading and most effective organ. During the past year its subscription lists, under new efforts and attractive offers, have increased largely, and point to a greater increase in the future.

The books of the Lessee were duly audited. From these it appeared that the gross receipts for the year 1892 amounted to \$40,443.78, as compared with \$38,279.23 for the previous year, being an increase of \$2,164.55. Under the contract, therefore, the Treasurer of the Board received a contingent from the Lessee of \$1,213.31 for the past year. For the first time since the contract was made, the gross receipts have exceeded the basis agreed upon for computing the guarantee, and the treasury is receiving a corresponding benefit, a result

that again emphasizes the wisdom of your action in disposing of your publication interests under the existing lease.

The new Treasurer of the Board, Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., reports the condition of the Treasury of July 1st, 1893: Cash, \$3,291.53; investments, \$4,205.19; total, \$7,496.72.

At the meeting of the Board held September 6th, 1893, attention was called to the publication of books and papers by other persons, which interfere with the rights of both parties to the contract between Lessor and Lessee, and it was unanimously resolved to petition your bodies to take cognizance of these by adopting such measures of relief as your wisdom may suggest. A separate memorial, prepared by C. M. Boush, Esq., of Meadville, Pa., under authority of the Board embodying these complaints, will be presented for your consideration.

The Board, by the death, during the past year, of Mr. George W. Hensel, has lost one of its most efficient members, one who for many years took a deep interest in its publication affairs. The office of treasurer held by the late Mr. Hensel has been filled by the election of Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., to succeed him. The vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Mr. Hensel has been filled by the election of John W. Bickel, Esq., of Norristown, Pa.

Another vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. John Cessna, of Bedford, Pa., has been filled by the election in his stead of G. S. Griffith, of Baltimore, Md., who was subsequently chosen President.

The attention of the Eastern Synod is called to the expiration of the term of Mr. James T. Reber, and that of the Pittsburgh Synod to the expiration of the term of Mr. C. M. Boush.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, September 21st, 1893.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report, that there was placed in the hands of the Committee, the Report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, for A.D., 1893.

From the Report of the Board of Publication, we learn that the gross receipts of the past year amounted to \$40,443.78, being an increase of \$2,164.55 over the previous year; that for the first time since the contract was entered into, the gross receipts have exceeded the basis agreed upon for computing the guarantee, and therefore, the Treasurer of the Board received a corresponding benefit of \$1,213.31; and calls attention to the fact that the total amount now in the hands of the Treasurer is \$7,496.72.

Furthermore, the Report calls attention to the publication of books and papers by other persons, which interfere with the rights of both parties to the contract, and in the memorial, which accompanies the Report, the Synod is urged to take such action as may be thought most effective to secure the strict adherence, on the part of Synod, her pastors and people, to the terms and conditions of the contract, knowing that in so doing they are building up, not a private enterprise, but are gathering means gradually for the permanent establishment of an institution of the Church in the not distant future.

In regard to the matters thus presented for the calm and intelligent consideration of Synod, your Committee would recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod is highly gratified to hear, through its Board, of the increase of gross receipts, and of the good management and the sound financial condition of its publication affairs.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that the Board has a perfect right to expect the patronage of the three Synods concerned for the Publication House of Philadelphia, and therefore this Synod once more expresses its sense of the solemn obligation resting upon it, of a moral and legal character, and urges most affectionately that the pastors and individual members abide faithfully by the terms of the contract now existing between the three Synods interested, and the lessee to whom the interest of our publication interests were committed, and therefore, our pastors and people are urged to give the preference to its publications.

Resolved, That this Synod, as expressed by the Synod of Pittsburgh, "regards all books and papers, even after the copyrights on them have expired, as still in one sense the property of the Board; and it regrets that the rule of courtesy usually prevailing between publishers in matters of this kind should be violated."

Resolved, That this Synod affectionately and earnestly reminds the several Classes under its care—pastors, consistories, and members—of the great importance of the presence of Church literature for a proper and intelligent advancement of Church life and Church work, and, therefore, recommends that an energetic effort be made in every pastoral charge to increase the circulation of the periodicals of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. CARNAHAN, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Samuel Hoeflich, two years; Elder G. S. Griffith, one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock of Saturday morning's session. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. C. B. Heller, L. F. Zinkhan, T. C. Strock and S. E. Stofflet, acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod and Sunday Schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, to whom items 9 and 10 of the Report on Overtures were referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented its report, during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

Beloved Brethren: Your committee on Orphan Homes respectfully offer the following as their report:

Reports of the Bethany and the St. Paul's Orphan Homes came into the hands of your committee, and we are glad in being able to notice that these important institutions of the Church are both in a prosperous condition. In the Bethany Orphans' Home there are now 108 children and 13 more are about being admitted. The secular and religious education of the children in this Home has received the usual and efficient attention, and we rejoice in the fact, that during the past year 20 of them were received into full membership of the Church by the solemn rite of confirmation. We regret that the Board reports an indebtedness of \$2,500, and that in consequence of the present financial condition of the Home some applications for admission had to be refused.

In St. Paul's Orphan Home there are now 75 children. Two deaths are reported as having occurred in this Home during the past year, but the general health of the children has been reasonably good. Here also the instruction of the children was evidently faithfully attended to by efficient teachers, and 12 of them were received into full membership of the Church. There are nine orphan children from our Synod in this Home at the present time, and the suggestion of the Superintendent that sufficient support for these children should come from this Synod we deem quite proper.

And now we offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to the Heavenly Father of the fatherless for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon these institutions of the Church, and that we beseech Him to continue His favors towards them.

Resolved, That we commend this holy cause anew to the liberality of our pastors and people; that the burden of indebtedness resting upon these noble institutions may be speedily removed, and that many more of the dependent orphans of the Church may be admitted to and cared for in these homes.

Respectfully submitted, W. C. CREMER, *Chairman*.

Revs. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, claims and needs of their respective Homes.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BROTHEREN:—The following is a statement of the moneys received and expended on account of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S." within the bounds of your Reverend Synod for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1893.

RECEIPTS

Gettysburg Classis		\$261.91
Maryland	"	169.14
Juniata	"	130.00
Zion's	"	129.47
Virginia	"	108.00
Mercersburg	"	89.33
Carlisle	"	19.97
Total		\$907.82

EXPENDITURES.

Maryland Classis	4	Annuityants	\$225.00
Virginia	2	"	100.00
Carlisle	1	"	100.00
Mercersburg	1	"	75.00
Zion's	1	"	75.00
Gettysburg	1	"	50.00
Juniata	1	"	50.00
Total			\$675.00

A place is asked in your minutes for the enclosed statement of the operations of the Society for the past year. Further, the hope is expressed that your Reverend Synod will continue to encourage the Society in its noble work of relief to the disabled minister and the bereaved widow.

With the prayer for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations. I am, your fellow laborer in the gospel.

St. Petersburg, Pa., Sept. 30th, 1893.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S." through its officers presents for the information of the Church and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1893:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per last year's report	\$3,496.22
" from call loans	7,534.05
" " collections in the churches	2,518.02
" " interest on investments	506.95
" " miscellaneous sources	279.57
Total	\$14,334.81

EXPENDITURES.

Cash for investment	\$9,700.00
" paid 40 annuityants	2,140.00
" in treasury	2,396.00
" paid for expenses	98.81
Total	\$14,334.81
Invested Fund	31,550.00

In the year now closed eleven disabled ministers and twenty-nine widows or dependents of deceased ministers have been aided by the Society. In the com-

ing year, as far as is now known, the number of these needing aid will be increased by at least four more. The amount in the treasury available for this purpose may be needed for the appropriations made by the Society at its annual meeting Oct. 17th. 1893.

The membership of the Society in the past year has been increased by the addition of the names of thirty-six life and four annual members, as follows:

Life Members: Revs. M. H. Diefenderfer, Wm. A. Hale D. D., D. R. Taylor, L. Reiter, Jno. A. Hoffheins, D. D., R. L. Gerhart, T. S. Phillips, S. E. Stofflet, A. R. Bartholomew, J. J. Fisher, R. B. Reichard, D. O. Shoemaker, Wm. A. Helffrich D. D., A. J. Herman, Jos. H. Dubbs D. D., W. W. Clouser, Wm. A. Haas, H. F. Dittmar, W. E. Krebs, E. D. Miller, C. Gumbert, T. S. Land, S. Chas. Stover, H. Hilbish, W. Delany, Lucian Cort, Jas. Grant, J. F. Snyder, J. David Miller, A. Wanner D. D., A. Spangler, Chas. Knepper, H. D. Darbaker, E. E. Hiester, Jas. A. Schultz and R. S. Appel.

Annual Members: Revs. H. J. Rentenik D. D., F. Strassner, W. Walenta, and Jno. A. Peters D. D.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

The following action of last year was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayer of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

The special Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, to arrange for a suitable observance of the Centennial Celebration of the autonomy or self-government of the Reformed Church in the United States, reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

The Committee to whom was entrusted, with similar Committees of the other Synods, the consideration of celebrating the Centennial of the founding of our independent existence as a Church in this country, begs leave to report, that, together with the Committees of the Eastern, the Ohio, and the Pittsburgh Synods, and the Synod of the Interior, we considered the matter, and organized a plan well known to this Synod, and the Church at large, for its observance. To carry the same into effect we arranged for celebrating the organization of the first Synod, in every Church or charge, every Classis and Synod, and by the General Synod itself. And it is evident that this celebration has been attended with good results, already, to our people. It has been a means of educating our people in the doctrines and history of our Church in this country, and in still further developing the liberality as well as in honoring the fathers who planted the Church in this country, and labored for it so faithfully in the beginning.

With the approval of the General Synod the joint committee arranged for a presentation of our Church on September 21st, in connection with the World's Religious Congress at Chicago, when and where papers were read by represen-

tative ministers of our Church covering the subjects suggested by this centennial, and which will be printed in the volume of that wonderful Parliament from all lands.

We now recommend to this Synod the setting apart of a portion of time, as your wisdom may suggest, at this meeting, to close this Centennial observance. We have taken the liberty, supposing it would meet with your pleasure, to select for you the following persons, who have prepared papers on the topics assigned them, namely:

Rev. Dr. W. M. Deatrick, "A Brief History of our Church in this Country, during the Century, and a Sketch of the History of the Synod of the Potomac, since its organization."

Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman, "The Literary and Theological Institutions of our Church in this Country."

Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, "The Historical Development of the Theological Doctrines of our Church in this Country."

Rev. Dr. C. Clever, "The Benevolent and Charitable Institutions of our Church in this Country."

The expenses of the committee have been \$20.40, and our portion of the expenses of the general committee are \$3.25, together making \$23.65.

Respectfully submitted, J. O. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The bill of expenses was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

By reference to the Report on Religious Services it will be seen that the Synod devoted two evenings of its sessions to carrying into execution the programme provided by the committee; Wednesday evening being given to the first two addresses, and Thursday evening to the last two.

The following resolutions were also adopted to wit:

Resolved, That the treasurers of the different pastoral charges of the Synod be directed to pay the centennial offerings to their respective Classical treasurers, and that these be hereby requested to report the same to the Treasurer of Synod, and that he publish the reception of such offerings, in order that the Church may know how much money was raised for the different objects.

Resolved, That the attention of the pastors and consistories be called to the foregoing action.

Resolved, That the addresses and papers presented to the Synod, having reference to the Centennial Celebration, be placed in the hands of the Centennial Committee, of which Rev. J. O. Miller is Chairman, to be published either in the *Quarterly Review*, or as the committee may deem expedient.

Item 3 of the Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee, composed of Revs. J. L. Murphy, C. W. Levan, and Elder G. S. Griffith, for consideration.

The committee presented its report, which was received, and after discussion the report was laid on the table, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to reply to Rev. J. Muellhaupt's communication.

At the session of Wednesday morning Revs. J. D. Miller, E. R. Deatrick, and J. M. Runkle were constituted a reportorial committee to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The reporters, appointed by Synod to furnish abstracts of its proceedings, beg leave to state, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and reports were furnished to the members of the United Press Company, the *Gettysburg Star and Sentinel*, the *Gettysburg Compiler*, the *Altoona Tribune*, and the *Baltimore American*. Respectfully submitted, J. D. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The following action was reiterated:

Resolved, That the pastor of the place in which the Synod meets, together with the officers of Synod constitute a committee, which shall have in charge the arrangements of subjects for the several evenings, while the Synod is in session, and shall appoint the persons who shall speak, and shall inform them at least two weeks beforehand.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Gettysburg, twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The following was moved and adopted:

With a view to securing enlarged contributions from persons of means for Beneficiary Education and other benevolent objects, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod respectfully requests the several Classes to appoint one or more persons to constitute a standing committee, whose duty it shall be, in a quiet way, to secure funds, bequests and legacies, to supplement the beneficiary fund and other benevolent interests of our Church.

The Synod took a recess on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of making a tour over the Gettysburg Battlefield. The afternoon was fine and was pleasantly spent in visiting the different portions of this renowned battlefield.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received, amended, and then adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

In the kind providence of the Great Head of the Church, by whom the Father governs all things, there was but one death in our ministerial ranks during the past Synodical year, the Lord being very merciful to His servants in sparing their lives for future usefulness.

Rev. Jeremiah Ingold, D.D., was born in Guilford County, N. C., September 25th, 1816, and died at Hickory, N. C., February 11th, 1893, aged 76 years, 4 months, and 17 days.

The deceased graduated from Marshall College in September, 1841, and was the last surviving member of the class of that year. He entered the Theological Seminary, then located at Mercersburg, in the autumn of 1842, and spent one year in connection with that institution, withdrawing therefrom in September, 1843. In 1844 he was licensed by the North Carolina Classis, and spent about

a year in teaching and preaching as a licentiate to a small congregation. In 1845 he was ordained by the same Classis to the work of the holy ministry, and installed as pastor of the West Rowan charge, in which field he labored diligently and successfully for ten years. In 1855 he received and accepted a call to Grace charge, in Catawba County, N. C., where for eighteen years he broke the bread of life to that people.

In 1873, owing to growing infirmities, he retired from the active duties of the pastorate and removed to Hickory, N. C., where for the remainder of his life he lived, supplying the pulpit in the capacity of associate pastor. As a preacher and pastor he was highly appreciated by his people. Although suffering much during the last few years of his life, he was always cheerful, and looked forward with joy to the call of the Master to receive his reward, to which he was called after nearly fifty years spent in the ministry.

Respectfully submitted, LEWIS REITER, *Chairman.*

During the session of Saturday forenoon, the announcement of the death of the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, which took place at his home in New York City the previous morning, was made; whereupon the officers of the Synod were instructed to convey by telegraph to the bereaved household of the deceased, the sympathy and condolence of the Synod in their bereavement. Subsequently a committee was appointed of all the members of Synod in attendance who had studied under Dr. Schaff at Mercersburg, namely, Revs. W. E. Krebs, J. A. Hoffheins, J. M. Mickley, J. O. Miller and W. M. Deatrick, to prepare a minute on his death. Whilst Dr. Schaff never was a member of the Synod of the Potomac, having transferred his membership from the Reformed to the Presbyterian Church prior to the organization of the Synod, nevertheless, he was a member of the Mercersburg Classis for fully twenty years, from 1845 to 1865, when he was dismissed to the New York Classis.

The Committee failed to furnish the required minute or report.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Pastor loci*, and to the members of the Reformed Church and other citizens of Gettysburg, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of the Synod.

Resolved, That the pastor be requested to read the foregoing resolution from his pulpit.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the management of the Western Maryland, the Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroads, for the favor of excursion rates granted to the members of Synod passing over those roads.

At Wednesday forenoon's session, a committee on leave of absence was appointed, composed of Revs. L. F. Zinkhan, T. C. Strock, and Elder S. D. Piper. Those granted leave of absence by the committee from the remaining sessions of the Synod are marked by the letters of the alphabet as their names occur, in Article II., Delegates Present.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the roll was called and the following delegates were found absent without permission, namely: Elders I. H. Keefer, A. H. Beitler, and D. S. Chronister.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the First Reformed Church of York, York Co., Pa., Tuesday evening, October 16th, 1894, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday afternoon, October 23d, at 4 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JACOB O. MILLER, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

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WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconf'd	Bap- tisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Off. & Tea.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Stud. for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults.												Beney. Purp.	Cons. Purp.	
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	First Reformed, York,	1	370	105	20	5	38	4	315	8			9	2		495	3	\$843 00	\$2650 00	113 S. Duke St., York, Pa.
Aaron Wanner, D. D.,	Kreutz Creek,	5	377	195	30	11	3	239	7	7			13	6		520		275 00	1100 00	York, do
Aaron Spangler,	Trinity,	7	559	350	72	2	30	3	443	4			15	11		340		148 00	1252 00	507 W. Market St., York, do
Reuben Rabauser,	Without charge.																			York, do
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	Paradise,	4	980	585	81	4	42	17	904	14			34	11		690		599 00	5550 00	441 W. Market St., York, do
Alfred F. Dreisbach,	Shrewsbury,	5	745	615	55	1	26	14	625	7		1	18	5		405	2	921 00	1436 00	Shrewsbury, York County, do
Phaon W. Snyder,	Mt. Pleasant,	4	117	110	8				100	2			7	5		190		28 00	1850 00	Red Lion, do
Oliver P. Schellhamer,	Zion's Ch., York,	1	500	290	33		21	12	400	3		6	4	1		400	1	150 00	1700 00	411 W. Phila. St., York, do
Henry A. Bomberger,	Heidelberg, York,	1	350	200	10	1	21	33	285	1		14	6	1		430	2	175 00	2000 00	200 S. Duke St., York, do
Aaron Leisse,	Hillsburg,	4	253	120	14	3	4		196	2			2	2		19		71 00	409 00	Dillsburg, York County, do
Isaac N. Peightel,	Grace, York,	1	185	90	9	1	4	25	160	3			2	2	1	308		545 00	1161 00	West Hartley St., York, do
Paul M. Spangler,	Licentiate,																			507 W. Market St., do
Total, 12.		33	4436	2660	332	17	197	111	3667	51			23	117	43	3797	8	\$3755 00	\$19108 00	

CLASSES OF MARYLAND.

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CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bap- tisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Burials.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Off. & Tea.	S. S. Sch's.	Stud. for the Min'y.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infant.	Adult.												Benev't purposes.	Cong'nal purposes.		
William M. Deatrick, D.D.,	Without charge,	2	175	75	13	1	8	2	158	13			6	2	26	165			\$53 78	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Jacob Hassler, D. D.	Supply Loudon charge																			do do	
William C. Cremer,	1st Ch., Chambersburg,	1	450	330	12	5	16	7	360	4			6	1	27	312			130 95	do do	
Franklin F. Bahner,	Waynesboro,	3	509	225	21	10	16	31	446	5			28	2	40	450			530 53	do do	
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.,	Supply Mont Alto ch.	1	85	34	1				60	9			2	1	12	80	1		493 09	do do	
George B. Russell, D.D.,	Without charge.																		67 22	do do	
Jonas B. Shontz,	2d Church, Chamb'g,	1	257	109	14	10	25	19	229	5	2		2	1	20	310			210 00	do do	
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Mercersburg,	3	371	150	15	4	10	6	254	15			5	3	36	270	1		307 02	do do	
Tilghman R. Dietz,	Shippensburg,	1	220	80	6	2	2		198	6			6	1	22	195	1		244 90	Shippensburg, Cumberland	
Setellen E. Stofflet,	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	220	150	14	10	24	11	200	4			9	2	33	225			235 50	do do	
Irwin M. Beaver,	Grindstonehill,	2	336	150	17	8	63	20	316	4	1		12	2	34	200			234 63	Marion do	
George C. Erb,	McConnellsburg,	3	187	69	8	4	22	1	140	2			2	4	27	225	1		63 80	do do	
Vacant,	Greencastle,	2	325	285	15	7	15	17	290	10	22		15	2	41	220			137 50	McConnellsburg, Fulton	
"	St. Thomas,	3	175	83					156				2	3	20	115			78 00	do do	
"	Lemaster,	1	25	16	1		2	9	23	2				1	6	30			13 95	St. Thomas, do do	
"	Fayetteville,	1	21	10					20				1	1	6	25			8 31	Lemasters, do do	
George R. Zacharias,	Disabled,																			Fayetteville, do do	
John M. North,	Disabled licentiate,																			Upper Strasburg, Franklin	
Total, 14.		26	3356	1766	137	89	203	131	2850	75	29	96	26	350	2822	4			\$3132 18	\$19925 46	

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults											Benef. Purp.	Cong. Purp.	
John C. Hensel, Henry St. Jno. Rinker, Joseph S. Loose, Henry Talhelm, John A. Hoffheins, D.D. John W. Rauch, Allen R. Thompson, John T. Balliet, Julius H. Shuford, Josiah May. George G. Everhart, Thomas K. Cromer, Lewis Reiter, Calvin B. Heller, James B. Stonesifer, Samuel A. Htner, Albert B. Bauman, William A. Korn, Nehemiah H. Skyles, J. Phillip Harner, Henry Ditzler,	Superannuated, Without charge, Disabled, Without charge, Martinsburg, Waters, Sup., Falling Disabled, Middlebrook, Without charge, Without charge, Shepherdstown, Lovettsville, Roanoke, Mt. Crawford, Winchester, Edenburg, Harrisville, Rockingham, Woodstock, Timberville, Mill Creek,	1	332	156	7	1	9	11	256	8				1	200	1	\$514 00	\$1252 00	Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co., Va. Maurertown, Shenandoah do Bridgewater, Rockingham do Edenburgh, Shenandoah do Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., W. Va. Do do do Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa. Middlebrook, Augusta Co., Va. Hickory, Catawba Co., N. C. Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah Co., Va. Shepherdstown, Jeff. Co., W. Va. Lovettsville, Loudon Co., Va. Roanoke, Roanoke do Mt. Crawford, Rockingham Co. Va. Winchester, Frederick do Lantz Mill, Shenandoah do Tom's Brook, do Cross Keys, Rockingham do Woodstock, Shenandoah do Timberville, Rockingham do Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah do
Total, 21.		30	2200	1014	101	47	120	56	1677	27		24	23	1690	4	\$1960 00	\$8438 00		

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Baptism.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Students for Min'ty.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Inf'rs.	Adults.										Benef.	Cong.		
G. Wm. Welker, D.D.,	Without Charge,																	Lamont, North Carolina.	
Thomas Long,	Without Charge,																	do	
Jesse W. Cecil,	Without Charge,																	Thomasville,	
John Ingle,	Without Charge,																	do	
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.,	Pres. Catawba Col.,																	Green Park.	
John A. Foil, Ph.D.,	Prof. in Catawba College,																	do	
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.,	West Rowan,	2	228	186	12	1	10	1	228	3		1	1	82		\$77 00	\$375 00	Newton,	
Michael L. Hedrick,	Without Charge,																	do	
Paul Barringer,	Concord,																	China Grove,	
Joseph L. Murphy,	Hickory,	2	234	130	14		24	6	190	2		5	2	134	1	64 00	675 00	do	
Jacob C. Leonard,	Upper Davidson	3	171	98	7		6	3	146	8		3	3	177		100 00	980 00	do	
Jacob M. L. Lysterly,	Central Rowan,	5	456	138	13	17	24	8	282	3	4	3	5	399	1	151 00	500 00	do	
David P. Lefever,	Alamance,	4	156	150			2	2	150									Lexington,	
Andrew H. Smith,	Newton,	3	81	54	7	2	2	2	58	4		2	2	165		20 00	200 00	do	
James D. Andrew,	Guilford,	1	119	53	6	3	14	6	96	1	10	1	2	172		59 00	474 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Vacant,	Catawba,	2	340	140	10	1	2	3	300			7	2	195	2	92 00	400 00	Newton, North Carolina.	
Vacant,	East Rowan,	4	164	100	7		8		132			1	1	50		49 00	760 00	do	
Vacant,	Lincoln,	2	311	235	11		1	194	24			3	3	273	1	180 00	176 00	Dennysville,	
Vacant,	Lower Davidson,	4	260	149	14		11	4	215	2		3	1	4	270	83 00	3016 00		
Supplied by Rev. Murphy,	Mount Bethel,	5	303	91	15		9		205	6		1	4	130		24 00	60 00		
Rev. Hedrick,	Mount Tabor,	1	25	25	2				24	1		1	1	20		4 00	20 00		
		1	41	28					20					42					
Total, 15.		39	2889	1577	118	24	110	34	2240	54		22	31	29	2109	5	\$903 00	\$7736 00	

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Bap- tisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stud. Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Inf'ts.	Adults.												Benev.	Cong.		
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	New Bloomfield,	3	376	156	29	6	1821	362	12				12	3	46	451	1		\$565 00	\$1585 00	Newport, Perry County, Pa.
Amos H. Kremer, D.D.,	Carlisle,	1	310	130	8	8	1411	270	1				9	1	27	175			304 00	2601 00	Carlisle, Cumberland County, do
J. David Miller,	Duncannon,	3	195	76	5	1	27	153	2				2	2	36	220			299 86	904 46	Marysville, Perry County, do
Wm. H. Groh,	Sulphur Spring,	4	209	97	8	5	4	192					4	10	3	21	140	2	179 40	684 00	Carlisle, Cumberland County, do
Joseph W. Bell,	Newburg,	1	155	72	5	5	12	4	151	2			4	1	16	100			200 00	650 00	Newburg, Cumberland County, do
George A. House,	Landisburg,	4	401	208	17	4	1318	376	9				12	5	40	360			365 00	2070 00	Landisburg, Perry County, do
Samuel P. Stauffer,	Zion's,	4	487	345	12	2	16	4	395	11			52	4	5	79	498	2	237 00	988 00	Blain, Perry County, do
James M. Runkle,	Mechanicsburg,	1	235	105	1			3	208	11			4	5	1	20	126		280 00	573 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, do
Solomon B. Schafer,	Without charge,																				Martinsburg, Blair County, do
Milton H. Groh,	Without charge,																				Columbus, Ohio.
Sam'l N. Callender, D.D.	Sec'y of For'n Missions,																				Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, Pa.
Total, 11.		21	2368	1189	85	26	7972	2107	48				64	54	21	285	2070	5	\$2430 26	\$10055 46	

CLASSES OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregati's.	Members.	Members unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Renew. Prof.	Communi-cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Studs. for Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.											Benew. Purps.	Cong'l Purps.		
Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.,	Without charge,	8	342	91	1	1	9	9	315	10		8	3	43	288	1	\$193 00	\$1011 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.	
William A. Long,	Hickory Bottom,	3	423	265	19	3	14	8	309	11		8	2	31	275	1	1126 00	1305 00	Mar insburg, do do	
Calvin U. Heilman,	Water Street,	2	318	168	13	8	6	6	291	9		4	2	31	198	1	305 00	3649 00	Greencastle, Franklin Co., do do	
John W. Pontius,	Martinsburg,	1	174	68	6	7	7	7	156	16		7	1	17	124		158 00	1244 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., do do	
R. Leighton Gerhart,	Bedford,	3	284	181	13	1	7	6	244	3		11	3	31	216	1	158 00	673 00	Bedford, Bedford Co., do do	
Samuel C. Stover,	Dunning's Creek,	1	252	85	3	5	15	5	212	5		1	5	1	27	221	1	316 00	1170 00	Cesna, do do
Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.,	Huntingdon,	1	515	218	30	6	33	39	395	11		13	1	20	250		713 00	2258 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., do do	
John F. Moyer,	Altoona (Christ),	5	413	240	29	21	70	34	379	6		7	5	63	263	1	105 00	1004 00	12 h Ave., Altoona, do do	
Titus O. Stroek,	Woodcock Valley,	4	475	557	32	10	30	5	397	8		11	5	43	410		216 00	1669 00	James Creek, Huntingdon Co., do do	
Simon U. Waugaman,	Greenfield,	3	204	130	15	3	9	3	196	1		10	3	2	16	70		110 00	945 00	Claysburg, Blair Co., do do
Daniel G. Hetrick,	Schellsburg,	3	208	74	25	18	58	13	159	8		6	2	24	197		250 00	1074 00	Schellsburg, Bedford Co., do do	
Edward W. Stonebraker,	Yellow Creek,	3	165	140	12	23	9	2	145	2		11	2	22	75		134 00	650 00	Loysburg, do do	
Ambrose C. Geary,	Friend's Cove,	3	331	220	23	6	1	289	7		8	9	2	22	243	2	528 00	1052 00	Charlesville, do do	
Thomas N. Reber,	St. Clairsville,	3	322	220	31	2	31	5	280	11		4	1	13	90		200 00	1275 00	St. Clairsville, do do	
Homer S. May,	Sulphur Springs,	3	267	132					213			3	3	32	187	1	64 00	169 00	Mann's Choice, do do	
Harry E. Jones,	McConnellstown,	3	95	56					58			3	2						169 00	McConnellst'n, Hunt'don Co., do do
William H. Landis,	Orbisonia,	3	95	56					58			3	2							Orbisonia, do do
Eugene L. McLean,	Everett,	2	110	69	4	4	10	4	71	8		5	1	18	100		171 00	914 00	Everett, Bedford Co., do do	
Lewis Robb,	Altoona (Trinity),	1	277	125	20	3	17	27	238	12		5	1	28	246		316 00	2033 00	611 8th Street, Altoona, do do	
Vacant,	Clear Ridge,	3	65	51	1							1	1				14 00	103 00	Clearville, Bedford Co., do do	
Francis M. Line,	Tyrone Mission,*																			Tyrone, Blair Co., do do
Total, 21.		50	5240	3090	277	77	326	174	4347	128		31	106	39	459	3525	7	\$5077 00	\$22198 00	

* Organized since the meeting of Classis.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communicants.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Erasures of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Holy Ministry.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.												Beneficent Purposes.	General Purposes.
Zion's, -	12	33	4,436	2,660	332	17	137	111	3,667	51		23	117	43	908	3,797	8	\$755 00	\$19,108 00
Maryland, -	39	61	8,519	4,837	445	39	374	183	6,836	149		52	206	56	908	6,389	16	10,212 00	44,365 00
Mercersburg, -	14	26	3,356	1,766	137	89	203	131	2,850	75		29	96	26	350	2,822	4	3,132 18	19,425 46
Virginia, -	21	30	2,200	1,014	101	47	120	56	1,677	27		2	44	23	350	1,690	4	1,960 00	8,438 00
North Carolina, -	15	39	2,889	1,577	118	24	110	34	2,240	54		22	31	29	267	2,119	5	903 00	7,736 00
Gettysburg -	18	29	5,435	3,558	310	30	282	122	4,628	66		26	126	27	267	2,555	8	12,816 00	17,540 00
Carlisle -	11	21	2,368	1,189	85	26	79	72	2,107	48		64	54	21	285	2,070	5	2,430 26	10,055 46
Juniata, -	20	50	5,240	3,090	277	77	326	174	4,347	128		31	106	39	459	3,525	7	5,077 00	22,198 00
Portland-Oregon,*	11	19	621	572	72		24	33	478			23	10	11		395		172 00	3,708 00
Total, -	161	308	35,065	21,163	1,897	349	1,715	916	28,830	598		272	790	275	2,269	25,482	57	\$40,457 44	\$152,073 92
Eastern Synod, -	272	497	90,999	50,869	5,512	501	4,520	2,414	72,680	1,361	3	1,297	2,365	608	7,116	64,858	106	\$94,611 00	\$370,946 00
Synod of Ohio, -	108	218	20,238	5,979	775	470	1,036	703	17,181	533	9	616	307	203	2,702	18,053	37	18,762 00	86,232 00
Synod of Pittsburgh, -	63	142	15,614	9,436	943	125	761	690	12,898	545	3	296	300	111	446	10,067	13	28,165 00	73,053 00
Synod of the North West, -	146	290	19,534	13,402	1,832	225	968	860	14,240	139	8	338	417	182	11,069	11,069	39	14,886 00	117,513 00
German Synod of the East, -	52	47	13,225	9,489	2,138	7	678	634	10,901	116		512	554	46	1,029	9,884	6	7,710 00	83,183 00
Central Synod, -	81	113	18,947	11,072	1,194	31	736	791	13,498	188	6	485	416	103	1,119	11,516	21	12,014 00	83,431 00
Synod of the Interior, -	40	66	2,814	1,516	161	37	101	106	2,053	55	2	75	31	53	475	2,955	5	3,313 52	16,913 60
Grand Total, 8 Dist Synods; 55 Classes,	923	1,591	216,436	122,926	14,455	1,545	105,655	7,114	172,281	3,5	31	3,891	5,180	1,581	15,156	153,884	284	\$219,919 96	\$983,346 96

* Statistics of 1892.

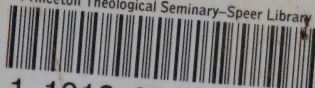
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